

Hostages shot and television journalist kidnapped in Lebanon

Three Britons killed: 400 saved in jet

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European envoys in Libya are anxiously making plans for their nationals to leave the country after the arrest of a Briton in Benghazi

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Nidal group of Palestinians. There had been unofficial contacts over his release between Britain and the group which calls itself the Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims...

Mr Neil Kinnoch, in furious exchanges in the Commons, accused Mrs Thatcher of having abandoned the hostages to their fate



A police photograph of the man sought in connection with the attempt to plant a human time-bomb at Heathrow.

Human time-bomb attempt foiled by Heathrow security

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

An Arab terrorist secretly planted a time bomb in the luggage of his pregnant girlfriend, planning to use her as a human time-bomb to kill more than 400 passengers on an El Al flight from London to Tel Aviv yesterday.

Armed police combed the airport as explosives experts worked in Terminal One to disarm the bomb but the Arab vanished.

He is described as 5ft 10in tall with black curly hair, greying at the sides. The trip was booked and paid for by the Arab. They are believed to have travelled to Heathrow by taxi early yesterday morning and are thought to have arrived soon after 7.15.

Thousands seek to flee Tripoli

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli

Thousands of British and other foreign nationals in Libya are anxious to leave the country, as European embassies are urgently discussing whether they should organize an evacuation.

on their last arrival are expected to flock to the airport once scheduled flights resume.

Kinnock blames Thatcher for deaths

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock last night blamed the Prime Minister for the deaths of the Lebanon hostages, saying they had been "abandoned to their fate".

America criticizes European allies

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Deep disenchantment with Western Europe, with the much-praised single exception of Britain, is sweeping through the Reagan Administration in the political aftermath of the raid on Libya.

He could not say specifically whether Colonel Gaddafi was still in Libya. France, in particular, came under strong criticism from officials for refusing to allow American bombers to fly over its territory.

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Ambassador, in 1982. Although Nidal has had contacts with Colonel Gaddafi he is more closely linked with Syria.

The bodies were identified by Mr John Rowan, an Irish diplomat who knows the journalist community in Beirut well.

The British Ambassador, Mr John Gray, was still trying late last night to gain access to the bodies, however, and the Foreign Office in London was not able to confirm that the bodies found were those of the three Britons.

Throughout the day their families were kept in suspense and were warned by the Foreign Office to expect bad news.

In Washington President Reagan condemned the killings and said that they showed the need for an international joint effort against terrorism.

Mr Robert Burke, vice-president of the London-based Worldwide Television News, which is jointly owned by ITN, America's ABC and Australia's Channel Nine, said that was the latest news they had and they still did not know the whereabouts of Mr McCarthy.

"We are trying to make contact on the ground, but we have had no communication yet with his captors," he said.

"We are not giving out any personal details at the request of his family."

Mr McCarthy had been in Beirut for almost a month and had made several trips to the city before.

In another incident rocket-propelled grenades were fired at the residence of the British Ambassador in west Beirut. Mr Gray was not there at the time.



John McCarthy (left) and the dead Britons, Alec Collett, Philip Padfield and Leigh Douglas

Pledge on terror even at cost of life

From Richard Owen, Paris

After the discovery of bodies of British hostages in Beirut yesterday, in apparent direct reprisals against Britain for backing the American military strike against Libya...

ism, then we grant victory to the terrorists."

Portfolio Gold

More and more readers are joining in The Times' unique share-price competition relaunched this week as Portfolio Gold. There is a daily prize of £4,000 and a weekly prize of £8,000.

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Base rates reduction imminent

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The high street banks are expected to waste little time reducing their base rates after another strong rise for the pound yesterday and cuts in interest rates elsewhere in Europe.

Army role in prisons dispute

By Phillip Webster, Political Reporter

A mass release of prisoners on short sentences is being considered by the Government after yesterday's vote in favour of industrial action by prison officers.

England down and out

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Hurd studies mass release

By Phillip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Hurd said: "We do not seek confrontation. Our chief efforts over the coming days, as in the last few weeks, will continue to be directed to resolving the dispute."

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Privatization of water, gas and electricity will cut costs, minister says

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

Fears that the privatization of gas, water and electricity would push up prices and lower safety standards were dismissed yesterday by Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

He told a London conference organized by the Institute for International Research: "The importance of these utilities to the economy is an excellent reason for privatization. For in the private sector they will have the freedom and incentives to serve their customers more efficiently."

"We would expect to see charges lower than they would otherwise have been had the businesses stayed in the public sector. If British Telecom had not been privatized, do you really believe that its regulated charges would have increased by 3 per cent less than the rate of inflation each year?"

Mr Moore had said earlier: "The combination of private enterprise and effective regulation is going to give people a better deal in terms of costs and service than they could have had from the public sector."

"Remember under the last Labour Government electricity prices went up by an average of 2 per cent every six weeks. And whether you take the last 10 years or the last 20

years, the fact is that nationalized industries' prices have on average risen significantly faster than the Retail Price Index."

Mr Moore also said that the Government planned to improve arrangements for gas and water safety and environmental protection as part of the privatization process.

He told the conference that by next year direct state involvement in industry would have been "nearly halved". "The programme will continue until all State-owned commercial industries are returned to where they belong - to the private sector."

● A future Labour government would immediately start to "deprivatize" hospital services, Mr Michael Meacher, chief Labour spokesman on social services, told National Health Service managers yesterday.

Directions would go out to all health authorities to stop putting out to tender domestic laundry and catering services and to phase out existing contracts when they came up for renewal. Standards of service would be rigorously monitored, with contracts ended for those who defaulted.

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King Hussein of Jordan leaving Westminster Abbey after the service, surrounded by bodyguards (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Tribute to a great Arabist

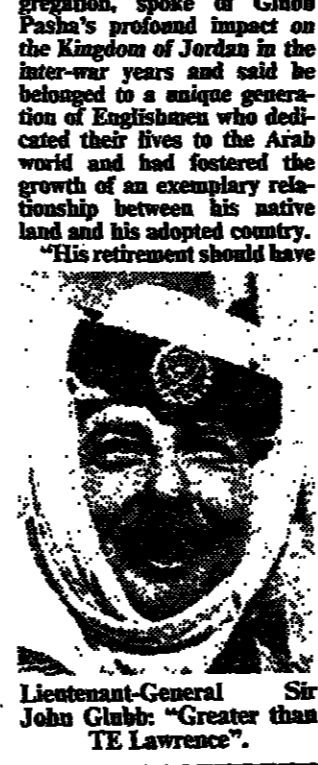
By Paul Valley

The irony of a celebration of Anglo-Arab brotherhood in Westminster Abbey only two days after aircraft took off from England to bomb the Libyan mainland would have saddened, but perhaps might not have surprised, General Sir John Glubb, the last of the great English Pashas.

A thanksgiving for his career was observed yesterday at a memorial service in Westminster Abbey, in the presence of King Hussein of Jordan, the man who dismissed Glubb Pasha from his position as commander-in-chief of the Arab Legion, marking a watershed in the development of twentieth-century Palestinian nationality.

After the service Sir John's son, Mr Faris Glubb, said that his father would have had a message for the world amid its present anxieties: "He would have made a call for peace and a plea for tolerance: That would have been his message".

King Hussein, in an unscheduled address to the con-



Lieutenant-General Sir John Glubb: "Greater than TE Lawrence".

gregation, spoke of Glubb Pasha's profound impact on the Kingdom of Jordan in the inter-war years and said he belonged to a unique generation of Englishmen who dedicated their lives to the Arab world and had fostered the growth of an exemplary relationship between his native land and his adopted country.

"His retirement should have been the most natural of events but regrettably the retirement became embroiled in the whirlwind of international politics", the King said. Yet the memory of Glubb Pasha lived in the hearts of the Jordanian people.

It was a plain and robust ceremony of remembrance, which began with the deposition of the general's medals and decorations by his grandson, Mr Musbarak Glubb, and an officer of the Hashemite Army, who wore the traditional red headress, in which Glubb Pasha was seen in the photographs which made him a figure of romance among the public in Britain in the post-war years.

To them it brought echoes of Lawrence of Arabia, but to the Bedouin among whom he worked in the deserts of Syria and Jordan, Glubb Pasha had long been considered a greater man than T.E. Lawrence, the general's biographer Major-General James Lunt, said in the address.

Prisons dispute threat to courts

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Courts and solicitors will be among those affected by industrial action aimed at causing administrative chaos in the jail system, prison officers' leaders said yesterday.

The majority of members of the Prison Officers Association backing action is overwhelming: 80.87 per cent of the 16,206 votes cast.

That will be translated into guerrilla operations, the nature of which will not be announced before they take place, to take the Home Office by surprise and thwart contingency plans, association officials said.

The same action will not take place everywhere. Officials say they do not want to produce undue hardship for inmates.

But Mr David Evans, general secretary, said: "Everyone will be affected by our action, that is inmates, prison officers, visitors to inmates, the courts, solicitors, prison governors and probation officers, but most importantly the

Farmers face milk 'fine'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

About 18,000 dairy farmers in England and Wales face "fines" for producing too much milk in the year which ended last month.

However, the payments, which are called a "superlevy" and work out at about £125 each, are unlikely to cause much resentment. The fact that total production was only an estimated 0.2 per cent above the EEC-imposed quota of 12,402 million litres is seen by the Government and the Milk Marketing Board as highly satisfactory.

Last year British dairy farmers were held to have overacted to the quota system imposed in 1984, leaving creameries last summer short of supplies.

Since then, the Government and the board have been urging farmers to increase production, lest a second shortfall persuade the European Commission to cut the British quota still further.

Tory anger at Shop Bill dissenters

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Accusations are now being flung at Conservative MPs who originally favoured radical reform of Sunday trading laws, but ended up voting against and defeating the Shops Bill earlier this week.

Angry Government ministers are privately pointing out that 20 Tory backbenchers, who in May 1985 voted in favour of the Auld report and plans to remove limitations on shop hours, voted on Monday against the legislation introduced by the Government to effect such reforms.

As the atmosphere of recrimination grows, Government business managers are also highlighting how five of this week's Conservatives rebels had, in April 1985,

Violence fears at 'loyalist' funeral

By Gavin Bell

Ulster's Protestant community buried its first victim of police plastic bullets yesterday amid fears that the killing could spark further violence.

More than 500 mourners, including Unionist MPs, attended the funeral ceremonies in Lurgan, Co Down, for Keith White, aged 20, who died on Monday, two weeks after being struck on the head by a plastic bullet during rioting in Portadown on Easter Monday.

Armed police maintained a low profile as the cortege passed by and there were no incidents. But a "loyalist" coordinating committee called for demonstrations outside police stations throughout the province during the evening.

Evening rush-hour traffic in Belfast was seriously disrupted as crowds gathered outside police stations overflowed on to roads.

Mr White was the thirteenth person to be killed by plastic bullets since they were introduced in 1973.

His death has led to calls from loyalist leaders for plastic bullets to be banned, and for an independent inquiry into the incident. A police investigation was taking place and a report is to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

At one point during the funeral, the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, helped to carry the coffin. Crowds lining the roads were silent and passive, but a security forces helicopter hovered above the town. The biggest police presence was at a Catholic housing estate close to the cemetery, where armoured Land Rovers stood guard.

Mr White's father had appealed for calm and for no violent protests, but Protestant anger at the Anglo-Irish Agreement was clearly heightened by his son's death.

One well-dressed young man watching the ceremonies said: "If the politicians do not get this agreement scrapped within a few weeks, all hell will break loose. It is not just the hardliners in working-class communities any more."

Save observatory, councils ask

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Government is being asked to intervene in a plan to close the 300-year-old Royal Greenwich Observatory. Local authorities in Sussex and Sussex University have united to press for a review of the proposals before irrevocable action is taken.

A decision to dissolve the observatory at its site at Herstmonceux Castle, in East Sussex, was taken by the Science and Engineering Research Council, which is the largest of the five councils allocating money for basic research in the natural sciences, medicine, agriculture, the environment and economics.

Much of its work would be transferred to Edinburgh or Cambridge or Manchester after 1990.

According to Mrs Joan Mont, leader of East Sussex County Council, "a decision behind the closed doors of the Science and Engineering Council on this matter, without public justification for the reasons, can only damage the credibility of the process by which important decisions are made about matters of concern to scientist and layman alike."

The plan has raised protests because of the secrecy surrounding the financial arguments and the scientific reasons for making the move.

A statement yesterday from the new group, pressing for a thorough public review, suggested that the wrong questions were asked.

Rather than ask "should it be moved?", the question seemed to have been "where should parts of it go?"

So those who might benefit from a breakup at Cambridge and Manchester Universities, or the Royal Observatory at Edinburgh, and who were party to the discussion on the future, were immediately divided.

NUJ vote for political fund

Delegates at the National Union of Journalists annual conference in Sheffield gave overwhelming support yesterday to a move for a political fund ballot.

The union's executive to take the necessary steps to ballot all 33,000 members.

Four years ago, a move for a political fund was rejected. But then it was coupled with affiliation to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Seamen halt ship crossings

Seamen yesterday stopped all Townsend Thoreson ships operating out of Felixstowe, and the dispute is set to spread.

The National Union of Seamen halted the passenger vessel Viking Voyager sailing to Zeebrugge yesterday because it claimed its 46-man crew had been cut by 10.

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40-second fight to keep seat

By Peter Davenport

The High Court may be asked to rule on the accuracy of the town hall clock in Rochdale, Lancashire, birthplace of Grace Fields.

Mr Jim Haggerty, a local councillor, claims it has cost him his chance of retaining his seat in next month's local council elections because it is renowned for being a few seconds fast.

When he arrived to hand in his nomination papers he found he had forgotten to bring his candidates' acceptance form. He was handed a replacement and rushed out to find a witness to sign it. By the time he returned the town hall clock had just finished chiming noon, the deadline for nominations.

Last night Mr Haggerty, who first sat on the council as a Social Democratic Party representative four years ago but became an Independent 18 months ago, said: "I am consulting solicitors with a view to going to the High Court to have the clock ruled inaccurate and my nomination accepted as valid."

No one checked on the day that the clock was accurate against GMT, he said. When it was checked against the British Telecom speaking clock later in the day it was found to be 40 seconds fast.

Science report Intensity is key to training for marathon run

By Andrew Wiseman

Of about 20,000 runners in the London Marathon on Sunday, more could cross the finishing line than will, while others could finish in a faster time.

The runners will probably have trained hard enough but they may not have known about, or may have ignored, scientific evidence that would have helped them in their marathon preparations.

There are three basic ingredients, apart from unlimited dedication, that make up the training schedule of athletes competing in events in which endurance plays a significant part. They are frequency, duration and intensity.

Phase experiment. First, volunteers underwent a period of endurance training, and each individual was measured according to the following formula:

- Frequency: x times a month
- Duration: y hours
- Intensity: z miles/kilometres/hours

When at the end of that phase all athletes had improved their form, it was followed by a period of de-training, for which the athletes were divided into three groups. All of them continued to train, but each group cut down on one of the components - frequency, duration or intensity - by either 33 or 66 per cent.

Athletes who trained either less often or for shorter periods suffered only a slight drop in performance. The relative importance of duration or frequency was roughly the same. In fact, a 33 per cent reduction in the initial time spent on training or in the number of days devoted to it, had no significant effect on results.

But reduced intensity markedly affected the performance of athletes in the third group. The Americans are certain that initial form is best maintained if intensity is never sacrificed during training.

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Death penalty proposal will not go ahead

The Prime Minister yesterday told a Conservative MP she sympathized with his call for a pledge to restore the death penalty to be included in the next manifesto.

But Mrs Thatcher ruled out the possibility, saying it would be difficult to change the tradition that the issue was decided on a free vote.

Mr Peter Bruinvels, the Conservative MP for Leicester East, said: "We would certainly win the election on the law and order issue alone."

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GLC move to give rate cash to groups after abolition was unlawful

The Greater London Council's "open-handed generosity" with ratepayers' money to fund voluntary organizations from "beyond the grave" was unlawful, the House of Lords ruled yesterday.

The Law Lords, by a four-to-one majority, said the £25million in grants planned for voluntary groups and £11million for the Round House Black Arts Centre were illegal.

They also gave their unanimous reasons why £40million in spending by the Inner London Education Authority was illegal.

Only Lord Bridge of Harwich found in favour of the GLC over the voluntary grants. He said he did not feel Parliament intended the GLC Residuary Body before making the grants. But the four other judges, Lords Brandon of Oakbrook, Templeman, Ackner and Oliver, disagreed. Lord Templeman said:

"The question is whether the GLC acted lawfully in making provision before abolition for grants to be enjoyed by voluntary organizations after abolition. In my opinion the actions of the GLC were unlawful."

He added: "The court will interfere to keep a local authority within the boundaries of its powers, whether the local authority strays deliberately or as the result of a mistake in construing its powers."

"The GLC believed that the abolition of the GLC would produce in 1986-87 uncertainty, unemployment, the deterioration or disappearance of services provided by voluntary organizations, and hardship for the disadvantaged of Greater London."

He said those beliefs may prove to be sound or unsound. "But the GLC was not entitled to extend its existence by proxy, or to exercise in 1985-86 the power of decision making for 1986-87."

He added that all or some of the expenditure may be desirable in the interests of Greater London; also that the temporary or permanent consequences of the abolition of the GLC may turn out to be wholly or partly injurious.

Lord Oliver said that even the most imaginative construction of the Local Government Act, 1985, could not in his judgement "extend to empowering the exercise of such open-handed generosity in favour of another authority to whom functions are transferred."

As for the ILEA, Lord Bridge said the GLC's attempt to override the restrictions imposed by the Act were "manifestly hopeless" and clearly unlawful.

The Law Lords upheld last month's Court of Appeal ruling, declaring the spending unlawful, and the £36million held in a special court account can now be released to the London Residuary Body.

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WPC Yvonne Fletcher was remembered by a colleague from Bow Street police station, PC Simon Watkins (right), who laid a wreath with PC Paul Flynn.

Brave policewoman remembered

Police colleagues, friends, relatives and strangers who wanted to remember her yesterday placed flowers and poems at the memorial to murdered policewoman Yvonne Fletcher in St James Square, London.

They came with single red roses, baskets of tulips and bouquets of spring flowers throughout the morning, placing the tributes quietly at the base of the memorial where WPC Fletcher fell after being hit by a sniper's bullet on April 17 two years ago.

The former Libyan Embassy, deserted, its windows barred and doors padlocked, stands across the square, a sombre reminder of the shooting.

At 10.19, the exact time the young policewoman fell dying by the garden railings, her colleagues and friends gathered yesterday to hold a short memorial service.

War veteran, Mr Francis McGrath, aged 67 from Acton, London, brought tulips and daffodils and a special poem: *The thin blue line will never be broken, Forgotten by many, remembered by few, Thank you to the boys and lassies in blue.*

"We will never forget WPC Yvonne Fletcher. I fought in the second world war to liberate the Libyans only to live to see the tragedy of this brave young policewoman," Mr McGrath said.

Two police colleagues from Dalston police station placed pink carnations and lilies with a card: "Gone but not forgotten."

Mr John Cox, a pensioner from Richmond, London, brought flowers from his garden in a little flowerpot. "So they will bloom longer in her memory. I pray for her all the time. She stands 10 feet high for her courage."

Mrs Moira Speake from Bayswater, London, said she often came to the memorial and had gone to the funeral.

"We must never forget her and I'm so glad her mother planted a cherry blossom tree in the square to grow taller and stronger," Mrs Speake said.

Suspended prison term for drugs man

Floyd Jarrett, the son of Mrs Cynthia Jarrett, who died from a heart attack in a police raid at her home, an incident that led to the Tottenham riots, was sentenced to one month in prison yesterday, suspended for a year, for possessing drugs.

Jarrett, aged 25, unemployed, of Bowes Road, Palmers Green, north London, admitted at Tottenham Magistrates' Court possessing 4.88 grams of cannabis at Enfield Police Station, on April 1.

Det Constable Roy Bastin said that Jarrett had been arrested for questioning about the riots last October. He was searched and eight plastic packets containing cannabis were found in a money bag.

Jarrett, who had six previous convictions, had been twice convicted of possessing cannabis. A charge of possessing cannabis with intent to supply was dismissed when the police offered no evidence.

Lawyer ban

After admitting misappropriating funds belonging to his previous partners, Michael Paul Smith, a Liverpool solicitor, of Crestor Road, Woolton, was ordered to be suspended from practice for three months by the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal in London yesterday.

Prisoners flee

A hunt was on last night after David Patrick Ward and John Jason Fryer escaped from a coach taking them to Tonbridge and West Malling Magistrates' Court from Canterbury Prison. They had threatened prison officers with razor blades.

Cash van raid

Three men armed with pistols escaped with thousands of pounds after ambushing a Security Express van outside the Barclays Bank branch near Norwich Airport yesterday.

Lakes' station

A new railway station was opened yesterday at Windermere, Cumbria, to replace the old one, which was converted into a supermarket. £15,000 of the £90,000 cost was raised by the community under a partnership scheme with British Rail.

Road deaths toll lowest since 1954

About 5,200 people died on Britain's roads last year - the lowest toll for 31 years, government figures published yesterday show.

But the falling figure, 400 fewer deaths than in 1984, was seen as "5,200 too many" by Mr Peter Bottomley, the Minister for Roads and Traffic.

"These figures represent 5,200 avoidable family tragedies," he said.

The number of deaths last year was a fall of 7 per cent compared with 1984 even though traffic was 5 per cent greater.

"It is encouraging news for the nation, but it does nothing to alleviate the suffering of the victims and their families", Mr Bottomley added.

He said government efforts to improve road safety were limited and it was up to road users to "put our brains into gear before our vehicles, bicycles or feet". He urged everyone to contribute.

People giving parties should ensure that they provide soft drinks for drivers; young children in cars should be securely

strapped in; toddlers taught how to behave near roads; and teenagers should be set a good example by parents keeping to speed limits.

Drivers should not drink or travel when they were tired, and drive slowly in treacherous conditions, especially fog.

"In the end it's up to each one of us to use the road safely", he said. "A minister can't be on people's shoulders telling them what to do."

The Government would play its part by continuing to expand road building and improvements and would press ahead with legislation for rear seat belts to be fitted to all new cars from October.

Next month the summer campaign against drinking and driving would be launched.

Mr Bottomley emphasized that legislation and education could reduce the number of accidents, but they do not prevent them. So last year's reduction in the number of deaths was no cause for complacency.

Hattersley pledge on poll fight

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley yesterday launched Labour's campaign in the West Derbyshire and Ryedale by-elections by promising that it would fight on Labour terms and Labour issues and using the same efficient organization techniques that brought it success at Fulham.

Mr Hattersley, appearing first in Matlock, west Derbyshire, was joined by Brian Clough, manager of Nottingham Forest, the football team, and a long-time Labour supporter, to support Mr Bill Moore, the Labour candidate.

Labour's deputy leader promised that the party would fight the two contests on May 8 on mainstream policies.

"We shall emphasize that our overriding priorities are a reduction in unemployment, and more assistance to families, pensioners and the unemployed."

£13,000 is paid for planispheric astrolabe

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

A cabinet of scientific instruments and reference books collected by an eighteenth-century Austrian architect and engineer attracted Christie's at South Kensington yesterday.

Most of Pieter Zallinger's instruments were made for him by Georg Friedrich Brander, of Augsburg, and the South Kensington Museum paid £8,000 (estimate £3,000-£5,000) to secure his distance meter.

K. Pohl, a Cologne dealer,

paid the top price at £13,000 (estimate £6,000-£8,000) for a German planispheric astrolabe of about 1600 with a silver rete. It is a little portable sundial for telling the time and making astronomical measurements.

The Deutsches Museum spent £7,500 (estimate £1,500-£2,500) on a fine brass universal equinoctial ring dial by Brander and £1,700 (estimate £300-£500) on his unusual boxwood sector with varnished paper scales and a boxwood scale rule covered with varnished paper.

The Museum of the History

of Science in Cambridge paid £2,200 (estimate £2,000-£4,000) for a Brander sextant. The morning sale totalled £107,410 with 5 per cent left unsold.

Christie's sale of Old Master pictures in New York on Wednesday attracted a bevy of London dealers and the Leger Gallery, of Bond Street, paid \$110,000 (estimate \$15,000-\$25,000) for an attractive view of St Paul's, Covent Garden, with many colourful passers-by, by John Inigo Richards. It is dated 1762. The sale totalled £580,178 with 10 per cent unsold.

In London yesterday, Christie's failed to find a buyer for the star lot in its book sale, a copy of Redouté's *Les Roses*, one of the greatest flower books. It was left unsold at £45,000 (estimate £30,000-£60,000).

The other illustrated books on offer were in greater demand, with a price of £32,400 (estimate £30,000-£35,000) for Gould's *Birds of Great Britain* and £28,080 (estimate £10,000-£12,000) for a Dutch seventeenth-century *Tulip Book* containing 71 original watercolour drawings. The two-day sale made £825,589.

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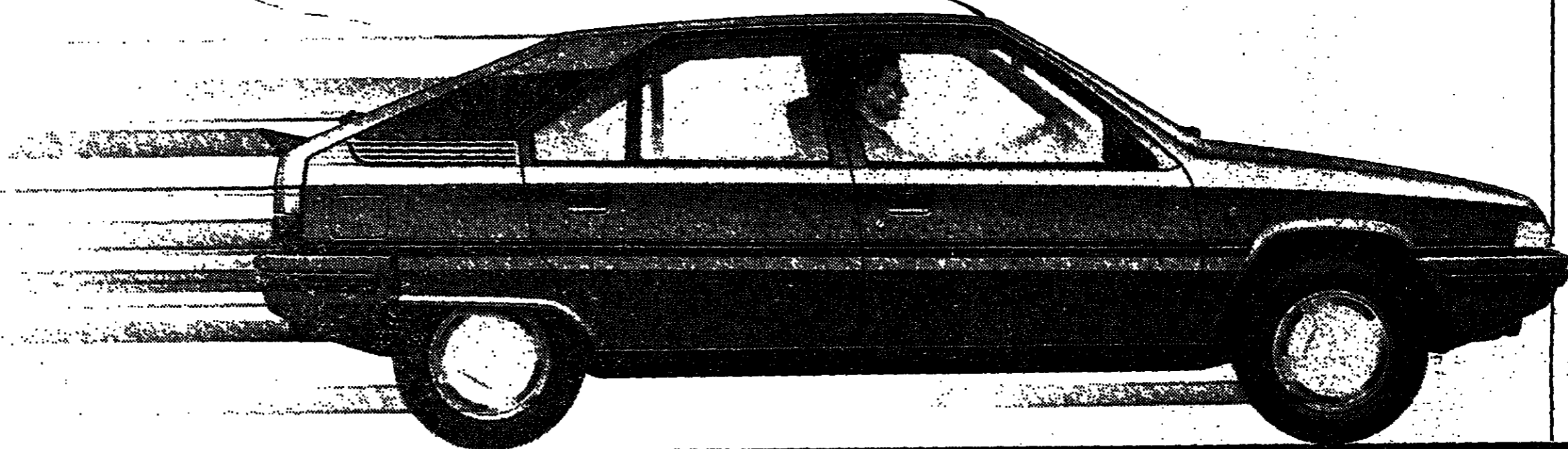
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Ombudsman to take up home loans complaints

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Holdings of building society accounts will soon be able to take any complaints to an ombudsman, under measures announced by the Government yesterday.

The ombudsman might not be able to look into the refusal of a mortgage or to overrule the society's decision on the credit-worthiness of a member. But disputes over further loans to existing borrowers could be investigated.

Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the ombudsman scheme would be added to the Building Societies Bill which is expected to get through its report stage and third reading in the Commons later this month.

The Bill widens the powers of building societies, allowing them to expand their activities, and should be enacted in January next.

He said the building societies would be required to set up and join an ombudsman scheme to cover the opening, operation and closing of shares, deposit and mortgage loan accounts.

"A building society ombudsman will not be required to override the commercial judgment of the societies on matters of credit-worthiness.

So the scheme need not cover initial applications for a mortgage or for an account involving, for example, a cheque book and guarantee card."

Mr Stewart said an ombudsman would be able to ask a building society to reconsider a decision on a further loan to an existing borrower.

An amendment will also be added to the Bill to raise the lending limit for a mortgage on a mobile home on a protected site from £5,000 to £10,000.

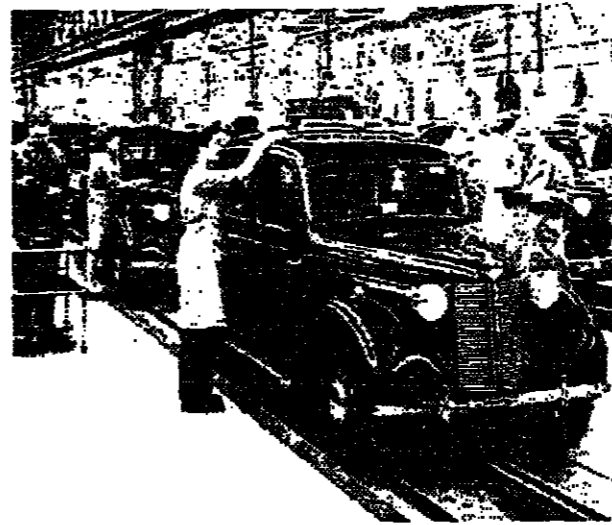
The legislation, the first covering building societies for 25 years, would not mean a "big bang", Mr Stewart said.

"Building societies hold a very special place in public regard. While they must move with the times and respond to the rapidly evolving market pressures around them, they depart from their essential character at their peril."

"They must exercise care in using their new powers so that they do not run too far ahead of what the public is ready for or expects from their societies."

While further development will certainly be possible in the medium term, Mr Stewart said, it will be important for building societies to carry members and the public with them.

Austin, the car maker whose style endures 80 years on



Herbert Austin at the wheel of his first Longbridge-built car (left) and a later model leaving the old works in 1946.

Austin Rover, the only surviving British-owned volume car manufacturer, is preparing to celebrate 80 years of car production at its Longbridge factory near Birmingham next week (Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent writes).

The Post Office has produced a first day cover which will go to each of the 14,000 Longbridge workers and also be available to collectors.

Other events include a parade of 100 historic cars lent by Austin Car

clubs and the British Motor Heritage Trust, a British Rail Class 47 engine to be named Herbert Austin and a celebration dinner for 260 guests at the factory on April 26. That was the day 80 years ago when Herbert Austin held a smaller dinner party to celebrate his first Longbridge car.

In September 1905 Austin, the son of a Buckinghamshire farmer, selected a disused printing works at Longbridge as the site for his first factory. The Austin Motor Company

was formed a month later with a nominal capital of £50,000 in £1 shares, almost all of them owned by Austin himself.

His first Longbridge car — he had earlier been involved in Wolseley cars — was a 20hp model costing £800 and incorporating a vertical engine with the petrol tank at the rear of the vehicle. It was described as "setting a new trend". It is a trend that continues in today's cars.

During his 35 years at the wheel the man described as "the father of the British motor industry" produced 865,339 cars. In 1947 the millionth Austin was signed by the workforce and is now a star of the Heritage Collection at Syon Park, London.

In 1952, 12 years after his death, Austin merged with his rival Morris based at Cowley, near Oxford, to form the British Motor Corporation and spark off two generations of similar mergers, culminating in 1975 with the formation of British Leyland.

£25,000 to teenagers for death of mother

Two teenagers were awarded £25,000 damages in the High Court yesterday for the loss of their mother in a car crash.

Michelle and Nicholas Dore had been brought up by their mother, Beryl, aged 35, after her divorce from her husband, Leonard, in January 1980.

But in September 1981 the car in which she was a front seat passenger was in collision with a Jaguar car that was stationary at traffic lights at the Epping New Road junction with Brook Road, in Loughton, Essex.

Michelle, aged 15, and Nicholas, aged 13, who now live with their father and stepmother at Church End, Harlow, Essex, will share the award, which was approved by Deputy Judge Barry Chedlow, QC.

The driver of the car, Patricia Harrington, of Fennells, Harlow, who denied liability, is to pay the damages and costs of the action.

The award would have been £33,333, but it was reduced by 25 per cent because Mrs Dore was not wearing a seat belt.

Vicar remand

The Rev Jan Knos, aged 53, who is accused of 28 child sex offences, was remanded in custody for a further week by Hull magistrates yesterday.

Teachers' action against Liverpool

Liverpool City Council is to face a High Court action alleging contempt of court in failing to comply with a judge's order to pay teachers whose schools were closed during a day of action last year.

At the High Court yesterday

counsel for the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education told Mr Justice Mann that the council had still not paid the teachers, despite being ordered to do so by September 30 last year.

The court order was won by

the National Union of Teachers after a hearing at which the court quashed the council's decision to pay only staff who had actually worked on the day of action.

The judge gave the union leave to bring the case back to court next week.

Gas spray man jailed

A man who used a canister of CS gas at a Stoke Newington swimming pool was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment, suspended for one year, by Highbury magistrates, north London, yesterday.

Alan Goeller, aged 25, un-

employed, of Digby Crescent, Finsbury Park, admitted possessing the canister at Clissold Road Swimming Baths on November 21.

Woman Det Constable Carol Garden said that Goeller sprayed the gas into a man's face after an argument.

Ex-tenant buyers 'falling into debt'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Greater protection is needed for council tenants who buy their homes, because increasing numbers are plunging into mortgage arrears and risk losing their property, a report by the Institute of Housing says today.

The report, commissioned by the institute's Scottish branch, urges local authorities to provide support to owner-occupiers as soon as they fall into arrears, and to extend special terms to help people remain in their homes.

Mr Harry O'Donnell, author of the report, says that local authorities must take action to help avert a crisis. "The number of owner-occupiers getting into difficulties is rising at an alarming rate, and the latest figures show that more than one in ten homeless families lose their home because of arrears. Ex-council tenants are most at risk, because local authorities are forced to give mortgages, even to people who would be turned down by building societies."

The report says that given the present economic climate, with rising unemployment and the incidence of marriage break-up, which is the single most common cause of arrears, there is an increasing trend of mortgage arrears. Building Societies Association figures indicate that the number of repossessions has doubled over the past 18 months. It emphasises that council tenants who buy their homes can have a greater risk of falling into arrears because

their incomes are generally lower than the average borrower.

Stating that the aim of the authorities should be to limit mortgage arrears, and where possible enable owners to continue to live in their houses, the report recommends the establishment of clear guidelines, so that if the borrower approaches the authority in the early stages arrangements can be made for extending the loan period. Another possibility is to arrange for the owner to pay interest only for a limited period, until such time as the borrower's financial state improves.

The option of trading down, common in the property market, is unlikely to be available to tenants who have purchased due to the already "reduced" price of the existing home. This usually means that as a last option the housing authority repossesses and possibly provides alternative rented accommodation, or allows the owner to remain in the house as a tenant.

The report recommends that local authorities should formally take on the role of managing agent to supervise common repairs and maintenance, in order both to help owner-occupiers and recoup part of the cost.

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Botham article ban lifted

The News of the World yesterday won its appeal against an injunction granted last Friday to the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, QC, preventing it publishing an article about the cricketer Ian Botham.

The Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, sitting with Lord Justice Parker and Sir George Waller, lifted the ban after a public four-hour court hearing.

Outside court a spokesman for the publishers, News Group Newspapers, said: "We can now publish this Sunday, and we probably will."

The injunction restrained the newspaper publishing any reports about matters which are the subject of an outstanding libel action brought by Mr Botham against The Mail on Sunday.

Sir John said the court would give its detailed reasons later, but added:

"We have come to the conclusion that as of now, it cannot be said, or we are not satisfied, that there would be a substantial risk that the course of justice in the (libel) proceedings would be seriously prejudiced by the publication of the proposed article."

"In other words the application is premature and therefore we allow the appeal."

The Appeal Court was told in the hearing, which was contested by the Attorney General, that The Mail on Sunday libel trial, involving articles in March and April 1984, would not be before March next year.

The hearing last Friday was before a judge in private.

Remand in football affray case

Seven men appeared on remand at West London Magistrates' Court yesterday on charges connected with what the police describe as a "highly planned campaign of soccer hooliganism in Britain and abroad."

They were arrested by Scotland Yard and regional officers in dawn raids on houses in London and southern counties. All were remanded in custody until April 24.

It is alleged that between December 9 last and March 25 the seven conspired with each other and others within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court to cause affray.

Priest admits child charge

A Roman Catholic priest pleaded guilty yesterday to indecently assaulting a girl aged 10.

Father Sean McWeeny, aged 49, of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Copenhagen Street, Islington, north London, was given a three-month jail sentence, suspended for two years.

Father ends hunger strike

A father abandoned his eight-day hunger strike yesterday after two village schools at Llanfyllter-ar-Arth and Pen-waun were reopened.

Mr Fred Francis, aged 37, a Welsh language campaigner, had been taking only water and glucose in protest at a decision to close the schools

TEST YOUR POWERS OF INDIFFERENCE.

- How many households in the United Kingdom are an old person living alone? 1 in 30 1 in 13 1 in 10 1 in 7
- How many old people have no living relatives? 50,000 100,000 300,000 500,000
- How many old people have no regular visitors? 200,000 450,000 750,000 1,000,000
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 - Winston Churchill when he first became Prime Minister?
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- How many old people depend upon Supplementary Benefit? 1/2 million 1 million 2 million 3 million 4 million 5 million
- What are we doing about it?

Answers on page nine

THE LIBYA CRISIS 1

Gadaffi's view

Europe's moves

Americans' flight

Britain's bases

Angry Gadaffi denounces US and UK from his secret HQ

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli

It was in one way the familiar cocktail of rhetoric, religious fervour, wounded innocents and moderation, the sort of vintage Gadaffi that defies all analysis.

Libya was at war with America but would not escalate war. God was greater than America and Nato. Mrs Thatcher, like President Reagan, was a "child murderer". Libya did not issue orders to kill children.

It was the familiar face, too self-assured, serious, head raised as if looking above the horizon, the epaulettes of his naval officer's tunic sparkling in the television camera light. Colonel Muammar Gadaffi was alive. That, ultimately, was the message.

Where he was, the 20-minute television broadcast did not disclose. "In Libya," was all his officials would say. Colonel Gadaffi spoke, as usual, without notes, not in a routine manner but as if there were things he had been waiting to say and they came out with little sense or order of progression. The death of his 16-month-old adopted daughter was not mentioned, only repeated references to the killing of children.

He several times denied any part in recent bombings - including that aboard the TWA jet in which a baby girl half his daughter's age was blown 15,000ft to her death.

"We did not issue any orders whatever to kill any person in the world," he said.

"But Reagan ordered the killing of our children and attacks on our cities... One of these attacks, he said, was "aimed at my house and tent but failed."

The colonel clearly wished to appear defiant. "If there is a live force in America, it should topple President Reagan of America, for he is fighting us and striking at our children and cities... Reagan and Thatcher should be called 'child murderers'... God is greater than America and greater than Nato. Here (in Libya), the glory is that a small country stands alone in the face of American fleets and Nato."

There was, however, a moderating tone, the sort of line that might quieten diplomatic anxieties, if diplomats were not so well aware that retaliation will come outside Libya.

"I received many calls from a number of friendly countries," Colonel Gadaffi went on, "urging non-escalation of the military situation against southern Europe."

Malta was singled out for special praise and so, later, was Sudan. The formula was implied rather than specific: had the nations of southern Europe not-pledged for moderation, he would have attacked the Sixth Fleet.

A partial official transcript of the colonel's speech later omitted a number of points that he had made: an appeal to Arab nations, for example, to



President Gadaffi in naval uniform on Libyan tv, proving his fitness after the bombing.

join him in imposing political and economic sanctions against America and Britain and a claim that "as you know, all Europe says Reagan is crazy."

The speech had ended on a universal tone: "We in Libya are seeking to unite the Arab nations and (gain) the total liberation of Palestine. We are not murderers or terrorists as Reagan claims. It is Reagan who murders children, for he sent warplanes to destroy our houses, schools and farms and kill our children and women."

If he understands the art of stage management. He had begun his broadcast in almost flamboyant manner. "Turn on the lights, dance in the streets - don't be afraid of America," he had proclaimed.

And, across Tripoli, the blackout disappeared and the electricity was turned back on.

EEC seeks world talks on ways to fight terrorism

From Richard Owen, Paris

In its second emergency session on the Libyan crisis in a week, the EEC yesterday launched a diplomatic initiative calling for talks between Europe, America, the Soviet Union, the Warsaw Pact, the Arab League and the non-aligned nations on ways of combating terrorism.

The Europeans are preparing tougher measures against Libyan terrorism for adoption next week. But yesterday's meeting of the EEC foreign ministers in Paris was marked by anxieties over EEC disarray in the wake of the American action and the danger of a split between Europe and the US.

The ministers accepted Sir Geoffrey Howe's explanation that he had not known in advance of the American bombing raids on Tripoli and Benghazi when the ministers met last Monday in The Hague.

Sir Geoffrey yesterday gave his EEC colleagues a letter containing detailed evidence on three points:

- Links between the Libyan regime and the Provisional IRA going back to the early 1970s;
- Libyan responsibility for the death of WPC Fletcher in 1984; and
- Tripoli's involvement in the West Berlin disco bombing.

On Monday the EEC foreign ministers will hold their third Libyan crisis meeting, this time in Luxembourg, and will take action on a report prepared over the past three months by an EEC monitoring group on Libya and terrorism.

Diplomats said the report proposes tougher action than the restrictions on Arab diplomats agreed at The Hague,

America orders Sudan exodus

From Gill Lusk, Khartoum

The United States Embassy here yesterday ordered the immediate evacuation of dependants of American officials and all non-essential personnel from Sudan.

The move comes after the shooting of an American Embassy communications officer by unidentifiable gunmen here on Tuesday night.

In a statement the embassy said that, although the Sudanese Government had made every effort to provide protection, the decision was "due to continued calls from a neighbouring country for violence against American citizens and interests."

American nationals working for voluntary agencies, companies and other non-official bodies were "welcome but not compelled" to join the exodus, according to an American official.

A protest demonstration here on Wednesday against the American attack on Libya, organized by political parties and trade unions, was seen as evidence of the strength of anti-American and pro-Libyan feelings in Sudan.

However, public demonstrations of hostility are considered less important than the climate they provide for more organized attacks on Americans. There are strong fears in Sudanese Government circles that pro-Libyan and pro-Palestinian groups and may be planning big attacks on US, British and other Western facilities.

Last night there were reports of bomb threats against American, British and United Nations installations.

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Greek refusal on sanctions

Greece is refusing to abide by the EEC decision to impose sanctions against Libya until it is shown conclusive evidence of Colonel Gadaffi's link with international terrorism.

Greece had endorsed the decision without reservation, but Mr Antonis Kouris, government spokesman in Athens, said yesterday: "We need to see proof of this before we implement the sanctions."

While British premises in Athens were being evacuated because of bomb hoaxes yesterday, the pro-government trade unions staged a one-hour stoppage to protest over the American attacks.

Italy has politely turned down a US offer of help against further Libyan attacks such as last Tuesday's on Lampedusa.

The offer was made in messages delivered by the US Ambassador, Mr Maxwell Rabb, personally to the Prime Minister, Signor Bettino

Honecker fears blow to East-West links

From Roger Boyes, East Berlin

The East German Communist Party chief, Herr Erich Honecker, speaking in the presence of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, gave a warning yesterday that the American attack on Libya could provoke an uncontrollable international crisis.

Although Herr Honecker, who was speaking at the opening of the East German party congress, was largely echoing the joint Warsaw Pact declaration on Libya, he seemed genuinely concerned that East-West relations could collapse.

He had been hoping to travel to Bonn for much-postponed talks with Chancellor Kohl and detailed negotiations were due to begin soon after the congress.

The attack, he said, was not just a danger for the Mediterranean states. It also represented "an uncontrollable escalation of international tension which will have an unavoidably negative effect on the situation in Europe and in the whole world, and indeed on the East-West dialogue."

West 'led': East Germany accused America and West Germany yesterday of lying when they said their intelligence services had intercepted radio traffic from the Libyan diplomatic mission in East Berlin implicating it in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque (Renter reports).

ADN news agency said that Chancellor Kohl had backed America over the signals on Wednesday "because US information is not believed anywhere in the world."

Washington has accused the Libyan People's Bureau in East Berlin of responsibility for the disco bomb attack.

It said coded radio signals intercepted from the building before and after the explosion proved the mission's involvement.

Threats to Madrid rejected

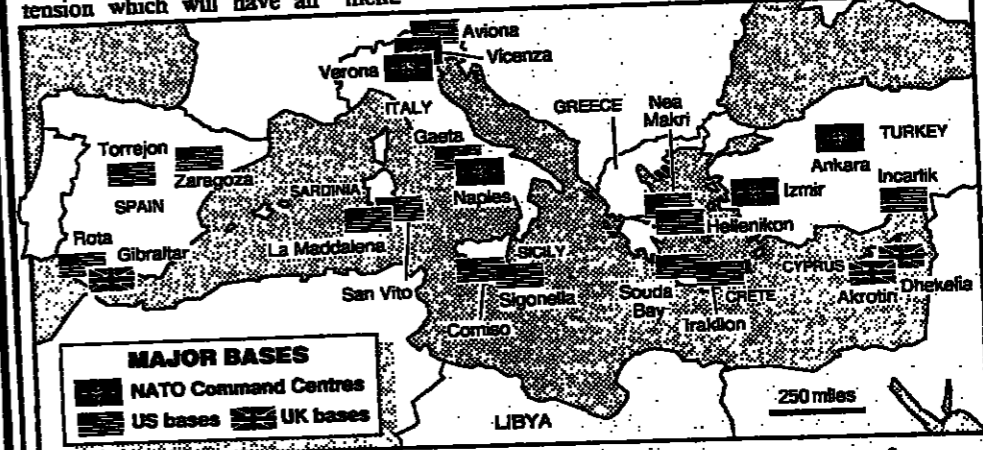
From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain swiftly rejected yesterday Colonel Gadaffi's demand on television that it should not allow any "warlike activities" by the US Sixth Fleet from its Mediterranean ports or waters.

"We consider unacceptable any Libyan threats or interference in matters concerning our sovereignty," the Foreign Ministry spokesman declared.

Colonel Gadaffi's recognition that Spain had not allowed US use of base facilities in this country was greeted, however, with relief.

Several Spanish cities were the scene of anti-American demonstrations on Wednesday night. The Stars and Stripes were burnt in public in two cities and in Madrid and Barcelona two American fast-food restaurants came under attack.



Britain builds up its Mediterranean bases

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Britain is strengthening defences at those bases it considers vulnerable to attacks by Libyan terrorists or its armed forces.

The armed forces were placed on alert immediately after the American raid on Libya on Tuesday.

It is understood there has been a limited special deployment of some forces to particular bases.

The Ministry of Defence refused to detail its actions beyond saying that "appropriate measures are being taken".

But, there were reports yesterday that fighter aircraft were being deployed to Gibraltar.

Two Royal Navy vessels have been in the Gibraltar area for several days and it appears they will be retained there for longer than normal because of the present tension.

There are also RAF Phantom fighters at the Akrotiri air

Britain builds up its Mediterranean bases

base in Cyprus. They went there originally for weapons practice but now it seems likely they will stay, or possibly be replaced by others, to provide air defence.

Ministry of Defence sources said the changes in deployment were to strengthen defences and were not part of any move to evacuate British bases from Libya. However, it has been acknowledged that should an evacuation become necessary, whether from Libya or Lebanon, the presence of naval and air assets in the Mediterranean could prove valuable.

Gibraltar and Cyprus are both within about 1,200 miles of Libya and therefore also within range of air attacks.

Bases are also stepping up precautions against terrorist attacks. More soldiers are reported to be patrolling in combat kit, and in Gibraltar, there are reports of cars being prevented from parking close to military installations. Faire, which would normally be held on military property, have been cancelled.

The map shows major British and American bases, and Nato headquarters, in the Mediterranean area, which could be among the targets most at risk if Colonel Gadaffi chooses to attack military targets, whether by direct armed force or by acts of terrorism.

It is thought that all these bases and headquarters will now be on alert to detect any attempt at hostile action against them.

Handwritten signature or scribble in a box.

THE LIBYA CRISIS 2

Moscow promises to strengthen Libya's defences in wake of attack

Moscow (NYT) - The Soviet Union has promised to strengthen the defences of Libya in the wake of the US air strike on Tuesday.

The pledge was made on Wednesday in a message from Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to Colonel Gaddafi.

According to Tass, the message read: "The Soviet Union firmly intends to fulfil its commitments in terms of further strengthening Libya's defence capacity."

Although the terms of the commitment have not been disclosed, Western diplomats say they expect the Russians to replace damaged military equipment, including fighter planes, radar and air defence systems.

Mr Gorbachov said American efforts to "force Libya to its knees have been dashed while the United States has suffered a new moral and political defeat."

The two men were supposed to have met in mid-May to prepare for another meeting between Mr Gorbachov and Mr Reagan.

strike against Libya, Moscow cancelled the preparatory talks, saying it could not hold high-level discussions with the US.

Mr Lomeiko dismissed American contentions that Libya was a centre of international terrorism. He characterized Washington's claim that it had intercepted Libyan communications as "so-called evidence."

In his message to Colonel Gaddafi, Mr Gorbachov said: "I want to express on behalf of the Soviet leadership and all Soviet people to you personally and to the friendly Libyan people feelings of solidarity in the face of US imperialism's crime of banditry."

He said Moscow had "repeatedly issued warnings to the US about the dangerous consequences of the continuation of its anti-Libyan policy."

Such a development of events cannot but have a negative impact on Soviet-American relations as well," Mr Gorbachov said.

Soviet television reports from Libya have been showing bodies, including those of children, and damaged buildings. The Soviet press has also been reporting foreign denunciations of the American action.

On Wednesday, Moscow protested to Britain about its support for the air strike. Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British ambassador, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry and, according to Tass, told that granting the use of the bases made "the British leadership a direct accomplice in the aggressive US action."



Herr Willy Brandt, president of the Socialist International, giving form to his thoughts after a visit to South Africa.

Botha warns of rising bloodshed if Western voting system adopted

Johannesburg (Reuters) - President Botha yesterday ruled out Western-style democracy for South Africa, saying it would increase the bloodshed that has plagued the country for more than two years.

Hours earlier in Umtata, the capital of the Transkei "homeland", at least two people were injured when a bomb exploded in the building which housed the Transkei Government - one of 10 nominally independent homelands set up by the mainly white Government.

Mr Botha, addressing Parliament in Cape Town, repeated plans to reform apartheid but restated his opposition to the introduction of a one-person, one-vote political system.

"In practice, Africa has taught us that it means the dictatorship of the most powerful black group," he said.

"In the case of the Republic of South Africa, it would mean a greater struggle and more bloodshed than that presently experienced."

Mr Botha's opponents, however, say apartheid cannot be reformed but must be abolished.

Almost 1,500 people have died in anti-government riots in the past 26 months.

Mr Botha attacked anti-government guerrillas, accusing them of trying to use tactics employed by Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In Johannesburg, Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, said time was running out for peaceful change in South Africa and he urged Pretoria to release from jail Mr Nelson Mandela, the

outlawed African National Congress leader.

Herr Brandt, on his way to a meeting in Botswana of the Socialist International group, of which he is president, said the white-black division in South Africa was growing.

"We have met a lot of kindness and friendship (among blacks), but we have also met a lot of bitterness and even desperation."

Herr Brandt, chairman of West Germany's Social Democratic Party, has asked for a meeting with Mr Mandela on his brief return to South Africa on Monday.

"I strongly feel that ... further radicalization can only be avoided if Nelson Mandela and his comrades are brought back to freedom and if there is introduced freedom of speech and political organization," Herr Brandt said.

Police have reported three more deaths in Wednesday's battles between Zulu clans near the Indian Ocean coast.

Meanwhile, a team of 21 New Zealand rugby players, defying an international boycott of sporting links with South Africa, arrived yesterday for a secretly prepared 12-match tour.

Ethiopia accused of torturing prisoners

By Paul Valley

Political prisoners in Ethiopian jails have been systematically tortured, according to a group of international lawyers who recently made a secret visit to the rebel province of Tigré.

Interviews with 121 prisoners, who were among 1,800 freed from Mekele prison by guerrillas of the Tigré People's Liberation Front two months ago, produced consistent allegations of imprisonment without trial, torture to exact false confessions, and summary executions.

According to Mr Alex Lyon, the former Home Office Minister who led the investigation, the interviews confirmed allegations about the misuse of Western food aid by the Ethiopian regime and the brutal compulsion of the resettlement scheme which the Government claims is voluntary.

More than 400 of the prisoners were former employees of the ruling Dergue. They were arrested on suspicion of being insurgent sympathizers and then urged, under torture, to incriminate others.

The investigators included a doctor who confirmed that their injuries were consistent with various methods of torture.

'War on children'

New York (Reuters) - A human rights group yesterday blamed South African security forces for the deaths of more than 200 children in the last year through indiscriminate use of tear gas, birdshot, metal-tipped whips, rubber bullets and live ammunition.

The Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights said in a report that Pretoria had singled out black children "as special targets of state-sanctioned violence" during the past 19 months of protest against apartheid. It said many children had been "routinely assaulted" and badly tortured while in custody.

Hunt for a plastic weapon detector

Washington (AFP) - US technicians are working on sophisticated new detectors in an attempt to improve airport security, compromised by terrorists' use of non-metallic weapons, like explosives and largely plastic pistols.

The urgency of their search is underlined by the recent explosion that blew a hole in the side of a TWA Boeing as it approached Athens airport. This is now suspected of having been caused by plastic explosive hidden in a bag.

The search is also given point by a new State Department report that 412 Americans died in terrorist attacks, including airline hijacks, between 1973 and 1985, mainly in Latin America and the Middle East.

The total did not include the US sergeant killed this month in a West Berlin discotheque explosion, which was followed early on Tuesday by the US air attacks on Tripoli and Benghazi.

But companies working on the new generation of US detectors say it may be another one or two years before these can reveal chemical products.

"We are looking at a number of alternatives. They are promising. Whether they live up to expectations remains to be seen, but we are moving forward," Mr Fred Ferrar, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman, said.

Most present airport detectors can reveal the presence in baggage only of a metallic object or closely packed explosive, which blocks X-rays. Their effectiveness also depends on the staff using them.

Mother of airman backs raid

New York (NYT) - The mother of one of the two American airmen believed killed in Monday's attacks on Libya said yesterday that her family supports President Reagan's decision on the raids.

Mrs Bernice Lorence Kruger, mother of Captain Paul Lorence of San Francisco, said from her home in Oakland, California: "You can't allow someone like Gaddafi to rule the world by terrorism."

The other airman believed killed was Captain Fernando Ribas-Dominicci, aged 33, of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Captain Lorence joined the Air Force in 1972 and was trained as a nuclear weapons technician. After four years he left the service and in 1980 graduated from San Francisco State University.

He rejoined the Air Force and met his wife, Diana Rutherford, while stationed in England. They have an eight-month-old son, Peter, and lived in Norwich.

In Puerto Rico, friends and relatives sealed off the home of the Ribes family in the central mountain town of Utuado, to protect Captain Ribas's father, who is 83 and in failing health, and his mother, aged 78. Ribas, aged 33, was the youngest of their six children.

Mr José Ribas, the family's eldest son, said his brother had graduated as a civil engineer and entered the Air Force in about 1977. He married and they have a four-year-old son, Fernando.

Asked how he felt about the raid on Libya, the brother said: "You think you have differently when I have been personally involved. I think someone had to do the dirty job because I know that Libya was wrong and we are right, but why practically start a war when another way might have been found? We never attacked Cuba. Instead, we blockaded them. There are a lot of ways to respond to what Libya has been doing."

Hoax call forces UN evacuation

New York - A bomb hoax forced the evacuation of the UN Security Council for the first time in its history during a debate on the American strikes on Libya (Zoriana Pysarski writes).

Security officials said that the UN received an anonymous telephone call claiming that a bomb contained in a briefcase had been placed in the council chamber.

But after a thorough search, nothing was found.

Egyptian offer

Cairo (Reuters) - Egypt is offering to help evacuate the signers from Libya and provide medical supplies for the victims of the air strikes.

Bail opposed

Two Libyan students arrested outside the American Embassy in London during a demonstration against the bombing of Libya, were freed on bail, despite police objections.

Kabul march

Islamabad (Reuters) - About 2,000 people marched to the US Embassy in Kabul and burned the American flag.

Bomb threat

Rome (Reuters) - The American Express office in Rome was evacuated after a bomb threat.

Tunis denial

Tunis (AP) - A spokesman for the Tunisian Foreign Ministry denied Libyan charges that the US used Tunisian airspace for the raids.

Spanish delay

Madrid (Reuters) - Spain has suspended a tourism promotion campaign in the US because of the Libyan crisis.

Poles protest

Warsaw (Reuters) - Polish and Arab demonstrators burned an American flag in the street outside the US Embassy in Warsaw.

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(Answers to page seven)

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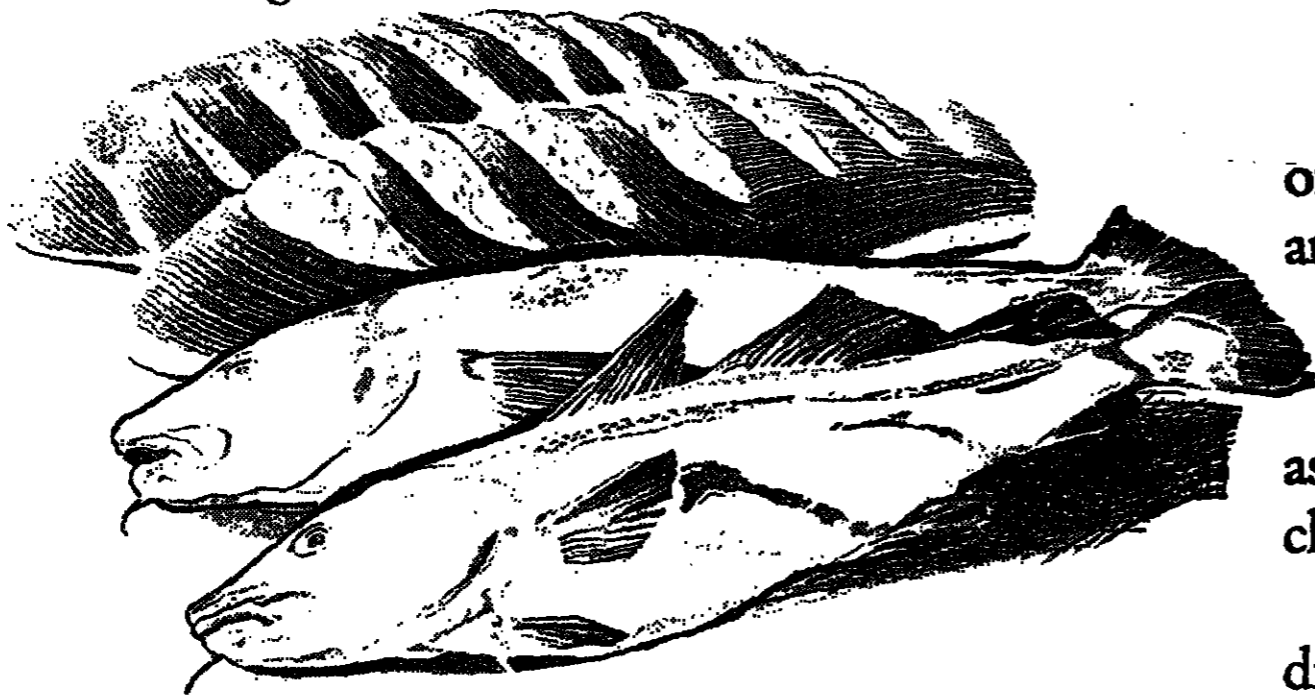
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Gorbachov dazzled as Honecker preaches microchip revolution

From Roger Boyes, East Berlin

The red flags were flying throughout East Berlin yesterday but it was the microchip rather than the Bolshevik Revolution which was dominating the East German Communist Party congress as it met under the gaze of Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

die of a group of football-playing teenagers, was caught in what the official press described as a 'spontaneous exchange of balls'.

Mr Gorbachov made the Soviet party congress last February into a radical re-assessment of economic policies and party shortcomings.

His line is that the East Germans have already been putting into practice the Gorbachov innovations. This he tried to demonstrate in exhaustive detail: the number of industrial robots in East Germany, for example, has risen from zero in 1970 to more than 56,000.

His wife, Raisa, as breathlessly admired as in the West, is visiting East German fashion houses and the Kremlin leader, stepping into the mid-

reduce dependence on imported electronic components.

Herr Honecker tried to show that Soviet disapproval over the quality of East European exports to Moscow and the wasteful use of Soviet oil does not apply to his country.

East Germany, he said, was doing its utmost to exploit its own natural energy reserves, its metallurgy industry was not squandering raw materials, its refining industry was producing and exporting to good effect, and its trading relationship with Moscow would be a high priority in the coming years.

Mr Gorbachov, who could be seen mopping the sweat from his brow as Herr Honecker entered his fourth hour, seems to accept this view of East Germany's economic future.

Certainly, although growth has been lagging somewhat, East Germany is out-performing most of its communist neighbours.

Herr Honecker's promises yesterday were extravagant by Polish standards. He promised, for example, that the housing problem would be solved by 1990.

There were, however, some traces of self-criticism in Herr Honecker's speech, but they were mostly modest echoes of complaints in the press.

But though there was a strong consumer orientation to the speech, some of the issues that have been worrying East Germans — like pollution — were hardly touched on.

Diplomatic shake-up

Moscow (AP) — Mr Yuli Kvitinsky, head of the Soviet delegation at the Geneva arms control talks, has been appointed Ambassador to West Germany, Pravda announced yesterday.

Mr Kvitinsky's appointment followed the choice of Mr Oleg Troyanovsky, the veteran Soviet diplomat, as the new Ambassador to China.

Yevtushenko attacks the censors

Moscow (NYT) — A Communist Party newspaper has published an article by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the poet, in which he criticized censorship and dogmatism in Soviet life.

The archaic dinosaurs of so-called security are still trying to put their personal opinions above all others, doing everything to prevent writers, film directors, artists, scientists and workers from saying what is on their mind.

reference to Stalin's persecution of Anna Akhmatova, the poet, and Dmitri Shostakovich, the composer.



Riot police firing tear gas at about 600 students holding an anti-government demonstration at the Korea University in Seoul yesterday.

Nazi state of Croatia defended at trial

Zagreb (Reuters) — Andrija Artukovic, the alleged Nazi war criminal, yesterday defended the charges of mass murder and defended the Nazi puppet state of Croatia.

Mr Artukovic, aged 86, who served as Interior Minister and was effective second-in-command in the Second World War Croatian state, acknowledged in court that Jews, gypsies, anti-fascist Croats, Serbs and Communists had been sent to concentration camps.

Aid for Contras plea saved by congressional 'ambush'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A parliamentary ambush by Republicans in Congress has saved for the time being President Reagan's request for renewed military aid for the Nicaraguan Contras.

But even if he eventually gets the aid, there will be a delay of many weeks before money can start flowing, which is a serious blow for a fighting force already in a perilous state.

The Republican strategy worked out their high-risk strategy over recent days to try to restart the legislative process from scratch.

Mr Artukovic was extradited from the United States in February to face three charges of mass murder and one of individual murder.

He said there was a need for camps during the war, but he had not taken part in liquidation of prisoners.

The official said that the Air Force last month successfully tested a "light and very strong" composite material, which might eventually be used in dozens of small rockets to be fired from space platforms at incoming nuclear warheads.

US claims SDI breakthroughs

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States has achieved two major breakthroughs in President Reagan's controversial "Star Wars" programme — a super which previously might have been obscured by exhaust space-based interceptors and a radiation-proof computer programme that could help destroy enemy nuclear missiles soon after they have been launched.

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Moscow allows experts to leave

Vienna (AP) — Two prominent dissidents and their family fled here from the Soviet Union yesterday ending a 15-year battle for permission to leave the country.

Grigory and Isai Goldstein, brothers from Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, had founded a group in 1977 to monitor Soviet compliance with its international human rights commitments.

They were granted permission to leave after a visit last February by Senator Edward Kennedy. They are both physicists and computer scientists.

Coal strike

Sydney (Reuters) — The 30,000 coal miners of Australia will launch a six-day strike over productivity at 110 collieries today in defiance of an industry tribunal's order and a warning by mining chiefs that overseas customers are going elsewhere.

Crawford ill

Los Angeles (UPI) — The Academy Award-winning actor Broderick Crawford, aged 74, was in poor condition in the Eisenhower Medical Centre after suffering a series of strokes.

Out of the blue

Peking (Reuters) — A rare shower of meteors weighing up to 120lb smashed into three villages in Hubei province, the People's Daily said.

Volcano plume

Seattle (Reuters) — Mount St Helens volcano, which killed nearly 60 people in a violent eruption in 1980, has sent a plume of steam, gas and ash 25,000 ft into the atmosphere, scientists reported.

Wine arrests

Milan (AP) — Four wine merchants have been arrested in connection with Italy's tainted wine scandal, and accused of marketing wine laced with methanol.

Second term

Harare — President Canaan Banana of Zimbabwe has been sworn in for a second six-year term.

EEC farm lobby in first defeat

From Jonathan Brande, Strasbourg

The European Parliament has voted for a price freeze for EEC farmers. It is the first defeat for the agricultural lobby in the annual farm price debate.

Philippine tribe paid to deceive

Manila (Reuters) — The existence of a tribe of Stone Age cave-dwellers in the southern Philippines is a hoax, former government officials said yesterday.

Mr Bidangan, a Manobo tribesman himself, said the tribe was scantily clad when found because of their poverty and not, as claimed, their Stone Age culture.

Norway mourns waltz king

Oslo — Norwegians yesterday forgot briefly Libya, industrial unrest and falling oil prices to mourn the end of an era (Tony Samstag writes).

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Muldoon will appear in rock musical

Wellington (Reuters) — Sir Robert Muldoon, the former New Zealand Prime Minister, has accepted a role in an Auckland stage production of the rock musical The Rocky Horror Show.

The incident highlighted once again the extraordinary privileged way in which the cashiered Tejero is treated by his former colleagues.

Dinner for Tejero earns jailer sack

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The former Civil Guard Colonel, who stormed the Cortes at gunpoint during the coup bid, holding all 350 MPs hostage, shared a dinner of typical Catalan fish delicacies on Good Friday night.

ne, has now been put on a list awaiting a new posting by Lieutenant-General Jose Saez de Tejada, Spain's army chief.

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Chirac begins to edge Mitterrand out of foreign policy arena

From Diana Geddes, Paris

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, was in Bonn yesterday for bilateral talks with West Germany's Chancellor Kohl. Today he receives visits from the Prime Ministers of Turkey and Tunisia and the Foreign Ministers of Japan and Canada.

Last week he paid an official visit to Ivory Coast, and next month goes to Tokyo for the world economic summit.

Before the elections, pundits were still talking of foreign policy and defence as part of the traditional "special preserve" of the President and were predicting that, whatever else, might happen under the new and untried situation of "cohabitation". M Mitterrand would at least be left with those two key areas of decision-making.

But there is little doubt that M Chirac is quickly taking over even that domain from the President. The seriousness of his bid was underlined when, earlier this week, he appointed a senior career diplomat, M Bujon de l'Estang, aged 46, the new Ambassador to Mexico, as his diplomatic adviser at the head of a foreign policy and defence team of five working alongside him at the Hôtel Matignon.

Such a set-up has never been seen before under the Fifth Republic. "Power simply changed hands overnight," one French diplomat commented. "It was an extraordinary thing to see."

"No one at the Quai d'Orsay (Foreign Ministry) any longer goes to the Elysée. All they are concerned about is: what does Matignon think? What are the Prime Minister's advisers saying? Before, Matignon did not even enter into the picture, unless the President specifically chose to include it."

The kind of situation that arose last December, when M Mitterrand unilaterally decided to receive the Polish leader, General Jaruzelski, without informing his Prime Minister, would be inconceivable today, the diplomat added.

France's handling of the Libyan crisis has been held up by both Matignon and the Elysée as a perfect example of how well and harmoniously cohabitation is working. President Mitterrand and M Chirac were reported to be in complete agreement over the decision to refuse US planes the right to fly over French territory on their way to Libya.

But it is questionable whether that agreement was more fortuitous than a true indication of how well the two men are sharing power. For the moment, however, both have an interest in making it seem as if cohabitation is working, for that is what the public wants, as all the latest opinion polls clearly indicate.

The popularity ratings of M Mitterrand and M Chirac have both shot up since the elections. In a front-page article in *Le Monde* last Saturday, Professor Alfred Grosser, a leading French political scientist, expressed the view that "real power is more and more completely in the hands of the Prime Minister, including that regarding defence and foreign policy... One might wonder how far François Mitterrand can go in the renunciation (of power) before cohabitation ceases to be in some way advantageous to himself and his party."

M Mitterrand's seven-year term does not run out until 1988, but he could choose to resign before then. M Chirac bears all the signs of a man in a hurry. Like many others, he may feel that the next presidential elections will come sooner rather than later.

Patient wins right to refuse feeding

Los Angeles (Reuters) - A California appeals court has ordered local officials to stop force-feeding a quadriplegic who two years ago lost a court battle to be allowed to starve herself to death.

It ruled that "Elizabeth Bouvia's decision to forgo medical treatment for life support through a mechanical means belongs to her."

Mr Steve Carnevale, representing hospital doctors involved, said the court appeared to have set the precedent that patients have an absolute right to refuse treatment.

Lawyers for Miss Bouvia, aged 28, who weighs about 75lb, had told the court she was no longer trying to kill herself but had the right to refuse medical treatment.

In her lawsuit, the college graduate said she had suffered great pain from a feeding tube inserted through a nostril to her stomach.

Miss Bouvia, a victim of cerebral palsy who has been paralysed since birth, gained world attention in December 1983 when she unsuccessfully sought court permission to starve herself.

California law prohibits aiding a suicide attempt and officials at Riverside General Hospital had refused to allow her not to take food.



Nicaraguan children protesting in Managua about President Reagan's plan to send \$100 million (£66.7 million) to the Contra rebels before the vote on the aid in Congress

First peace signs in Punjab begin with police reform

From Michael Hamlyn, New Delhi

There are the first frail signs that events in the terror-racked state of Punjab, where young armed extremists are conducting a campaign for the establishment of an independent Sikh-dominated country, may have taken a turn for the better.

There has been a new activism and determination in the Punjab police force since the appointment of Mr J.F. Ribeiro as police chief, with his excellent track record.

A number of officers who have failed to meet appropriate standards, either through cowardice or through links with the militants, are reported to have been removed.

Mr Ribeiro has also shaken up the police intelligence hierarchy.

The new police chief also shocked liberals, and boosted the morale of his men, when it became known that he had prepared a "hit list" of most wanted terrorist leaders. His supporters felt that at last the police were fighting back.

However, among his detractors are numbered members of the ruling Akali Dal, the moderate Sikh political party. One senior party member accused the police chief of acting as a "super chief minister".

Although there are deep divisions within the Akali Dal, another small hopeful sign was the presence of all the faction heads on a platform to celebrate the Sikh festival of Baisakhi last weekend.

A measure of solidarity was thus shown against the extremists, who were having their own Baisakhi meeting.

140 miles away in the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

At the same time divisions became apparent in the ranks of the extremists. The heads of the All-India Sikh Students' Federation have apparently had a strong disagreement with the greybeard fanatics of the United Akali Dal, led by Baba Joginder Singh, father of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the dead terrorist leader.

The General Council of Sikhs called by the extremists on Baisakhi Day was miserably attended by around 5,000 compared to the moderates' meeting which attracted between 30,000 and 100,000.

But perhaps the best of all is the announcement of a new judicial committee to look into the territorial dispute between Punjab and the neighbouring Hindu state of Haryana.

The dispute has centred around Hindi-speaking areas which are to be ceded by Punjab in return for the exclusive use of the present joint capital of the two states, Chandigarh.

A one-man commission charged with looking into the dispute failed in January to find a solution because the Punjab accord specifically included continuity as a criterion for the cession. This effectively ruled out the rich rice-growing areas of Abohar and Fazilka.

The acceptance of the new commission by Mr Bhejan Lal, the Haryana Chief Minister, implies that he has come to accept that these two districts will not be ceded.

Tamils spurn Colombo settlement offer

Delhi (Reuters) - Sri Lanka's main Tamil political group yesterday rejected a new attempt by Colombo to end the island's ethnic crisis by offering Tamil areas more autonomy.

The Tamil United Liberation Front said the Sri Lankan Government's conduct "and our past experience do not justify our attaching any credence to the alleged renewed (peace) efforts".

Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister, Mr Shajith Hameed, in

Delhi for a non-aligned foreign ministers' conference, was scheduled to discuss the plan with the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

The front's secretary-general, Mr Appapillai Amirthalingam, claimed in a statement in Madras that Sri Lankan security forces "continue to terrorize and evict more Tamils from Tamil villages". He spoke after raids by Sri Lankan security forces on rebel hideouts yesterday in which Colombo said seven guerrillas were killed.

Begum Zia demands Ershad go

From Ahmed Fazl Dhaka

The Bangladesh opposition leader, Begum Khaleeda Zia, called on President Ershad yesterday to step down, to lift the four-year-old martial law and return his soldiers to their barracks.

In a statement in her name and those of 16 other opposition leaders, she vowed to resist the May 7 election called by General Ershad.

"It is a sham election", she told thousands of supporters at a rally in the northern university town of Rajshahi on Wednesday, "and we are going to see that it is not held."

Begum Zia, who leads a seven-party alliance including her own Bangladesh Nationalist Party, stepped up her campaign, urging voters not to turn up at polling stations.

She said that there could not be fair elections under General Ershad because he was supporting the pro-government Jatiya Party candidates.

Unmarried pair wins EEC battle

Luxembourg (Reuters) - The European Court of Justice yesterday ruled that EEC member states should not discriminate against foreign unmarried couples.

The court decided a British woman, Ms Ann Florence Reed, could not be expelled from The Netherlands on the ground that she was unemployed because she had a stable relationship with her employed boyfriend.

It said the Treaty of Rome, on which the EEC was founded, did not allow unmarried partners to be treated as spouses, but required all Community citizens to be treated alike.

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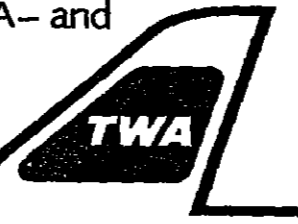
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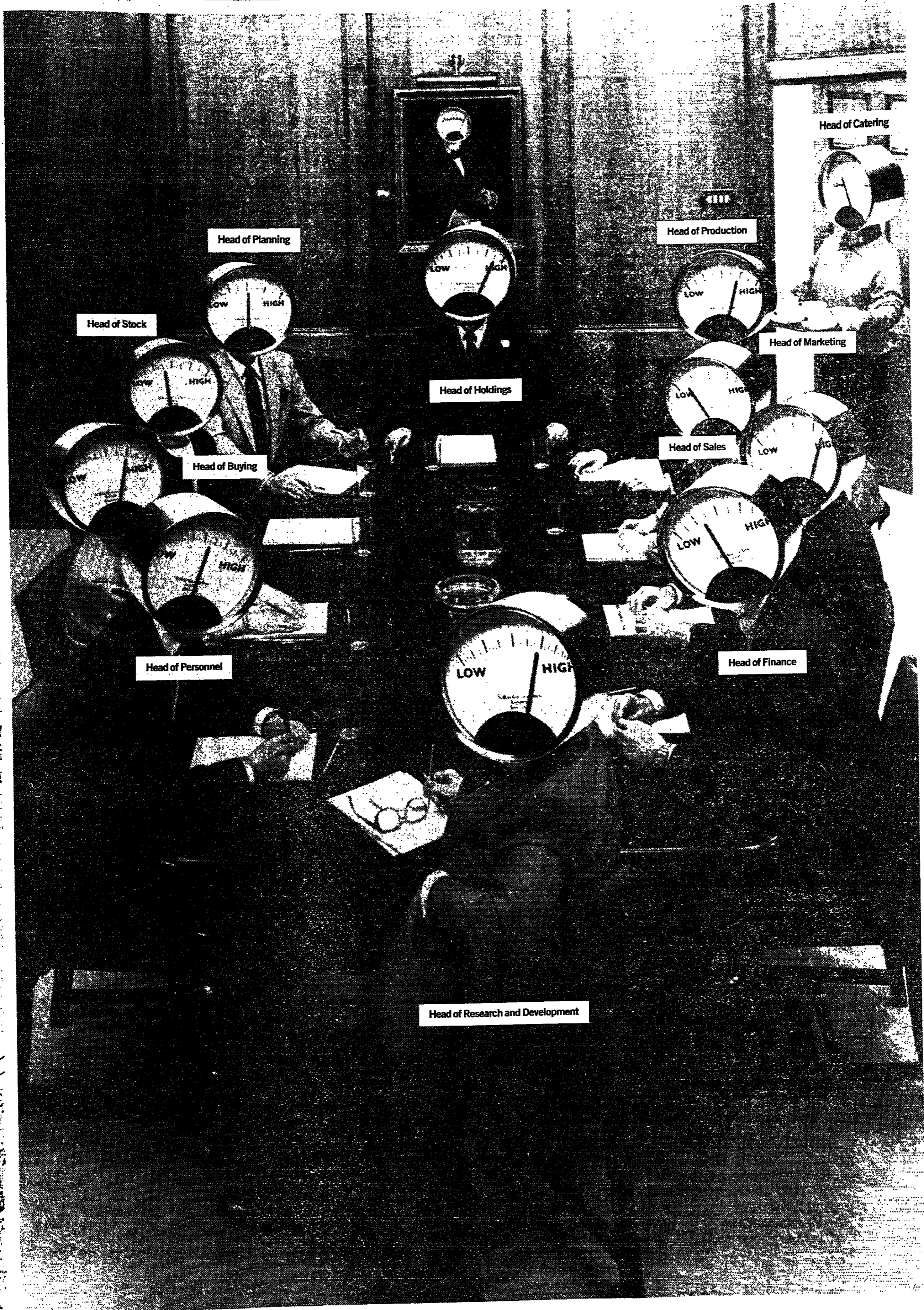
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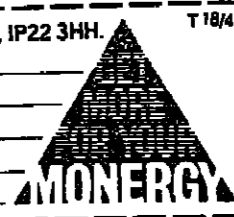
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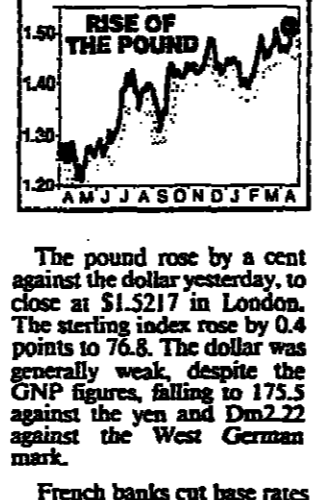
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Banks poised to cut rates despite official caution

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

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The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries appears to have decided on an output quota of 14 million barrels a day, writes our Energy Correspondent.

Rosehaugh bid expected

Shares in Samuel Properties rose 12p to 222p yesterday, amid strong speculation that the company is about to attract a takeover bid from its fast-growing rival, Rosehaugh.

Deal stands

Allied-Lyons's £1.26 billion agreement to buy Hiram Walker Resource's spirits and wines division is unaffected by the withdrawal of TransCanada's bid for Hiram, according to Allied's adviser, Baring Bros.

UKPI 'alone'

The United Kingdom Provident Institution's problems are unlikely to be repeated elsewhere in the life assurance industry, Mr Charles Cayvay, chief executive of Scottish Widows, said.

IMI success

IMI's offer for Martonair has been accepted for 9.99 million ordinary shares, or 75.9 per cent. The cash alternative has closed, but the share offer is extended to April 30.

Ipeco offer

Ipeco Holdings is seeking a Stock Exchange listing via an offer for sale of 8.86 million shares at 120p, valuing the company at £33 million.

Offshoot sold

Brickhouse Dudley has sold EW Avent, its loss-making civil engineering company, to Pirelli Construction for £520,000 in cash. Avent's losses in 1984-85 were £276,000.

Heath buy

CE Heath is to pay £8.5 million in shares and loan stock for Peterborough Data Processing Services, which supplies computer software.

Dee placing

Dee Corporation shareholders have purchased 52.57 million shares, under the placing of Dee shares issued to buy Herman Sporting Goods.

No dividend

Blacks Leisure will not be paying a dividend on the 10 per cent cumulative preference shares for the six months to April 30.

European trade restrictions are illegal, says Baker

From Richard Owen Paris

Mr James Baker, the United States Treasury Secretary, yesterday assailed the EEC for imposing "illegal restrictions" on American exports to Europe.



James Baker: "Problems must be resolved"

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Mowlem to buy SGB

By Clare Dobie

The Beck brothers, Philip and Clive, chairmen of the construction businesses John Mowlem and SGB Group respectively, yesterday announced plans for a takeover by Mowlem of SGB.

Maxwell denies being behind bid

By Cliff Feltham

The publisher of the Mirror, Mr Robert Maxwell, reacted angrily last night to suggestions by the merchant bank Kleinwort Benson that he was secretly behind the £170 million takeover bid by the Demerger Corporation for Extel, the news and information group.

Chartist quits Grieson

Mr Robin Griffiths, a leading chartered accountant and Grieson Grant, the stockbroker, is leaving to join James Capel, a rival firm.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones 1845.81 (+2.38) Tokyo Nikkei Dow 15488.84 (+128.48) Hong Kong Hang Seng 1812.00 (+20.81) Amsterdam: Gen 273.8 (+2.2) Sydney: AO 1216.8 (+14.3) Frankfurt Commerzbank 2278.8 (+14.7) Brussels: General 586.21 (+89.83) Paris: CAC 368.9 (+0.4) Zurich: SKA General 524.70 (same)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

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Guinness confident as long battle draws to a close

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The long battle for control of Distillers, one of the most acrimonious and fast-moving takeover fights seen in the City, reaches its climax today with Guinness in a commanding lead over Argyll.

Distillers' war weary directors will know their fate shortly after 3pm. As the 4 1/2-month campaign draws to a close Guinness, the board's favoured bidder, is moving confidently to victory.

There was still a lingering hope in the Argyll camp last night that the two £2.7 billion bids might end in stalemate, with neither side able to muster the 50 per cent acceptance level necessary to gain control. But this is looking increasingly unlikely.

The major investing institutions will show their hands today. In the end Guinness may receive the kind of vote of confidence in its case that would provide the right launch for a group of the size and importance Guinness-Distillers would be.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Keeping state selloffs on the right track

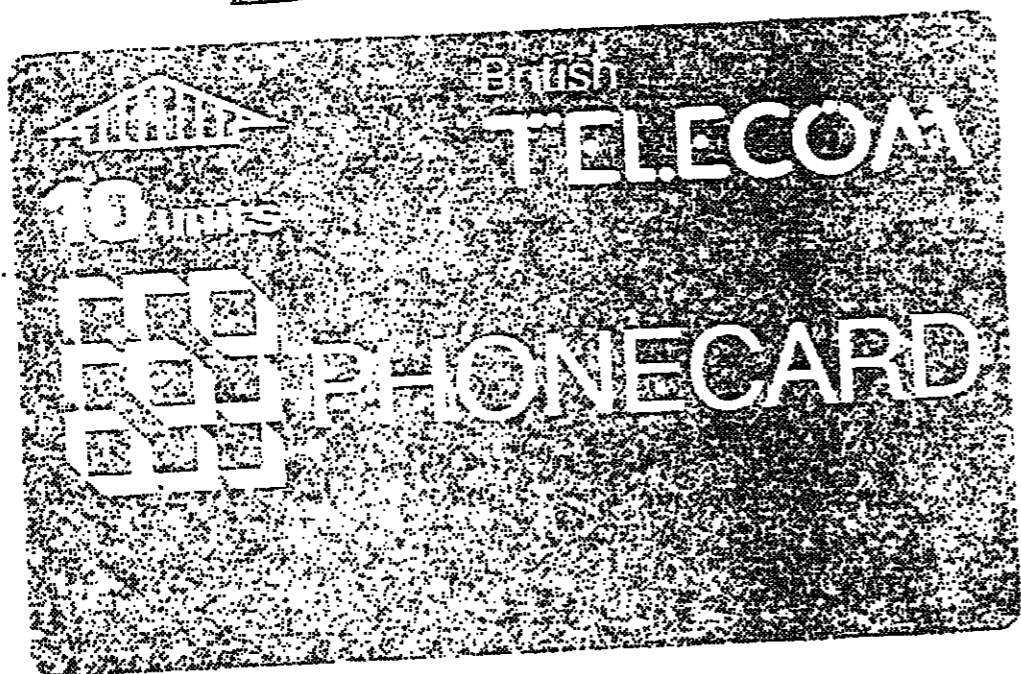
John Moore's speech on privatization yesterday ended ringingly enough. "The programme will continue until all state-owned commercial industries are returned to where they belong - to the private sector".

The sceptical will however note that Mr Moore has once or twice had occasion to make a strong speech on the virtues of privatization at moments when public approval for the programme is turning lukewarm. So it is now.

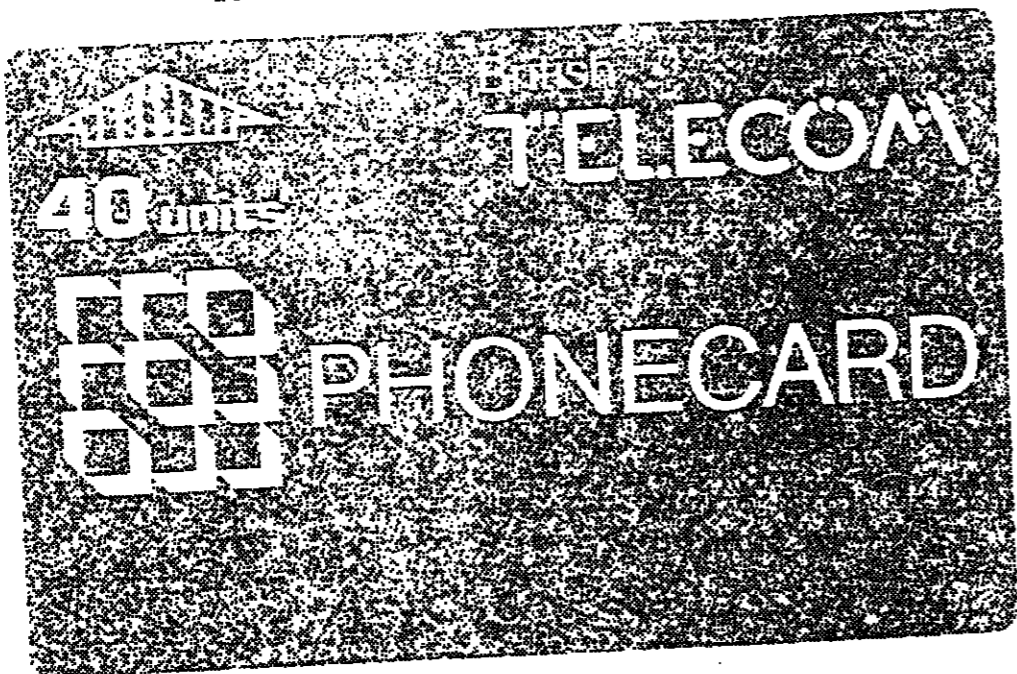
Partly as a result, perhaps, the programme seems to have become excessively geared to selling safe large-scale monopoly utilities to the small investor rather than tackling more difficult areas, such as the coal mines, which might expect to gain less unambiguously by removal from the state apparatus.

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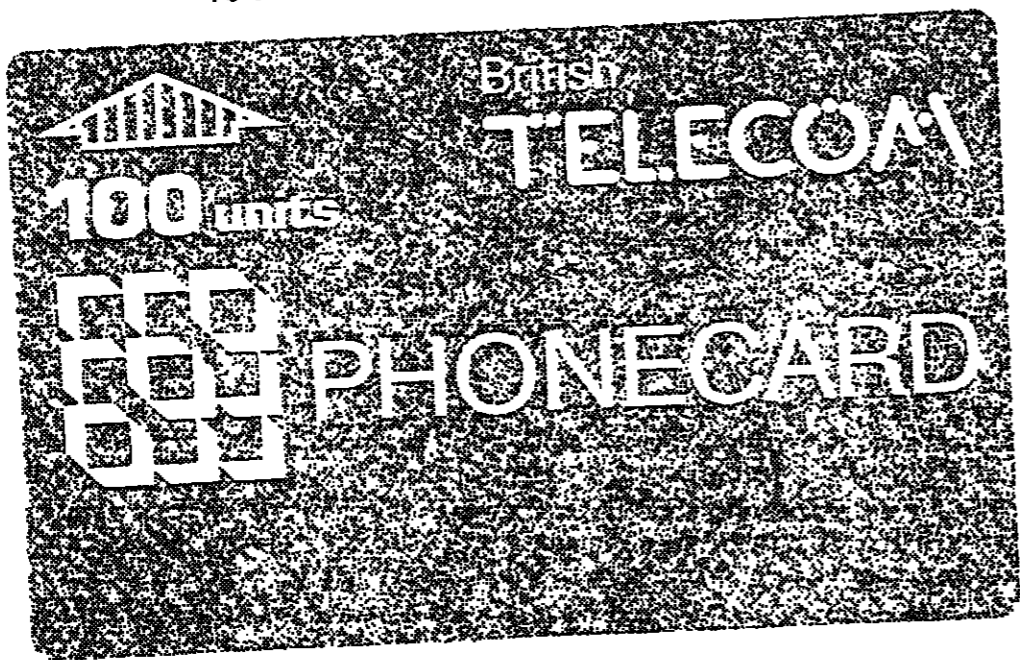
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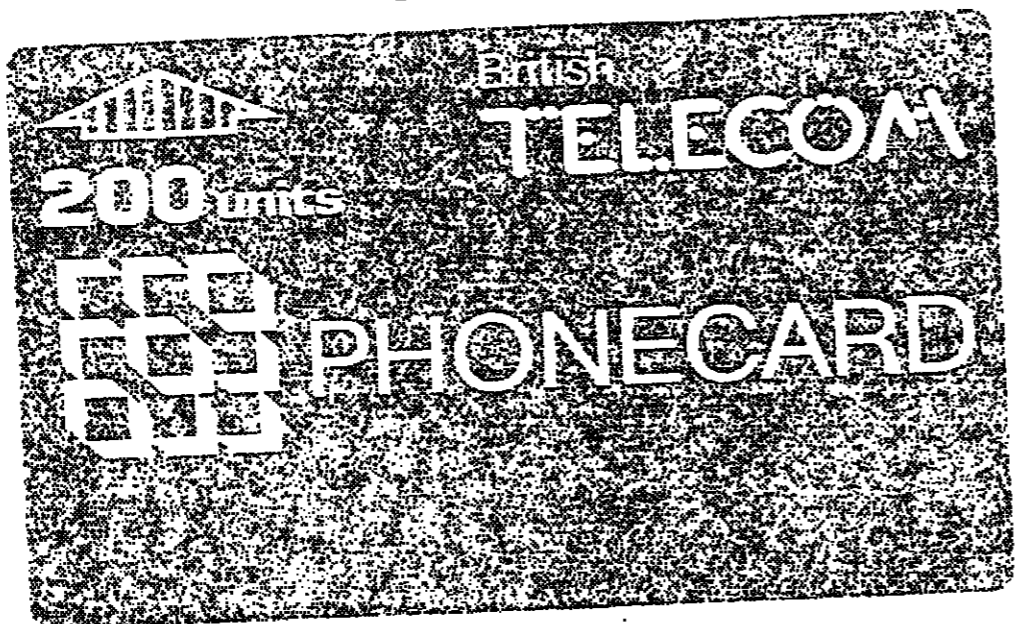
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The Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.85 to 1,850.82 early in the session.

Table with columns for company names (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their share prices.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, including market rates and bank rates.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table listing various international exchange rates for currencies like the Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table detailing Euro Money Deposits, Gold prices, and ECGD (Exchange Control Guidelines Document) rates.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing Dollar Spot Rates for various countries including Ireland, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

Table listing commodity prices for items like sugar, cocoa, and various oils.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Table showing prices for various types of meat and livestock.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table listing various investment trusts and their performance metrics.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing prices for London financial futures, including three-month sterling and US Treasury bonds.

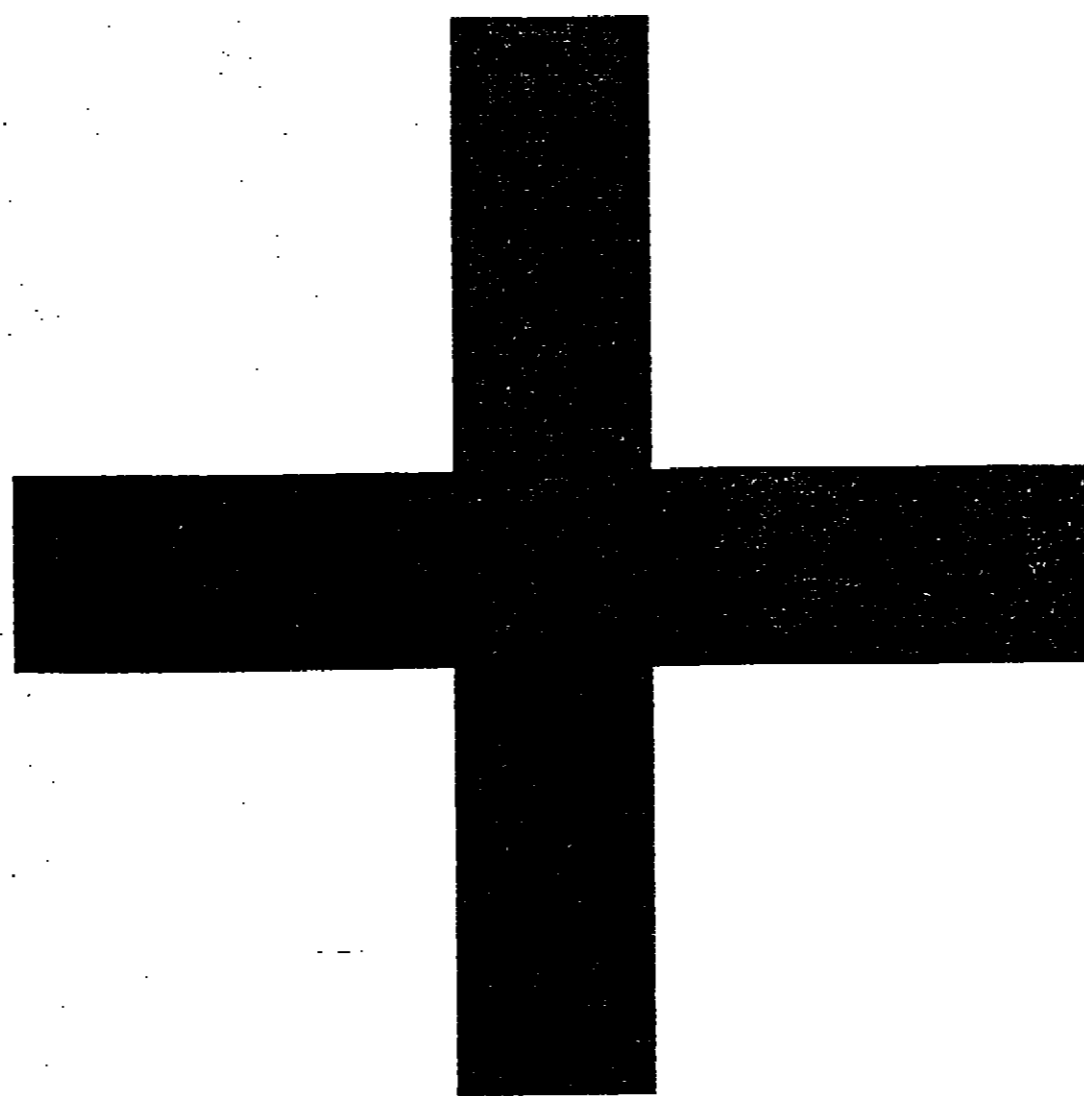
FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing financial trusts and their associated companies and performance.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table providing detailed information for various unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance data.

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Despite the provisions of the welfare state, thousands of children sleep rough every night all over Britain. (The picture above was taken late one night last May in central London.) Like the lad taking shelter in the cardboard box, many of them have been forced to run away from home. Some are looking for work, any work. Some are trying to escape the misery of life in the decaying inner cities of our country. Others are running away from parents with problems of their own. Many of those who stay at home fare little better. Hundreds of thousands of children are living in conditions that create physical hardship, family tensions and worse.

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Building societies warned against abuse of power

By Derek Harris
 Industrial Editor



Sir Gordon Borrie: note of caution on changes

New powers to be conferred on building societies when the Building Societies Bill becomes law should not be abused, according to a warning by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading.

As the societies will then be able to offer estate agency, conveyancing, surveying and valuation services, Sir Gordon was concerned that they should not use their financial muscle to enter new markets by cross-subsidising their own services or even predatory pricing to drive other suppliers out of the market.

Speaking at a conference on the Bill, Sir Gordon said that under it building societies will for the first time be subject

to the market I would consider using my powers."

While there was no society with a monopoly of 25 per cent or more of the mortgage loans market a number of societies acting together in cross-subsidisation could attract a complex monopoly investigation, Sir Gordon added.

"If a major society used its new freedom to set up an estate agent subsidiary and that subsidiary persisted in pricing its services at what appeared to be an uneconomic level so that it seemed to be forcing other estate agents out of the market, I would consider launching an investigation under the Competition Act."

Sir Gordon broadly welcomed the proposed wider powers for societies but also

the competition others were bringing into the house financing market. The traditional domination of this market by the societies had meant limited competition among them.

He added: "It is arguable that the service provided by the societies to mortgagors in the last few decades left something to be desired."

However, in recent years the societies had provided a valuable service to the saver by being sensitive to customer requirements.

Lately there had been widespread competition in the mortgage market from others like the clearing banks, foreign banks, merchant banks and insurance companies, Sir Gordon said. The new Bill would enable the societies to return the competitive challenge.

Spirits sales set for record after 11% surge in 1985

By Our Industrial Editor

Sales of spirits rose 11 per cent last year, with whisky up the most and whisky the least. It was the second largest volume of spirits sold during the past quarter century and this year is likely to prove a record.

An increase of less than 5 per cent is now needed to surpass the peak sales year of 1979, said the Wine and Spirit Association, which added: "With real tax levels now still lower this year the industry looks set to achieve record sales in 1986."

Much of last year's increase was due to the improvement in the Christmas trading period of nearly one fifth over the

previous year, said Mr Arnold Tasker, the association chairman.

The end of year surge was underlined by returns for the final quarter of the year, which showed all spirits up 18.4 per cent compared with the same period the previous year, with imports surging 27 per cent and home-produced spirits like whisky and gin rising by 15.6 per cent.

Imported spirits last year saw a volume rise of 13.1 per cent compared with the year before. Cognac was up 20.6 per cent and other brandies 17.6 per cent. Rum rose 12.4 per cent as the white rums continued to sell well while other spirits, including liqueurs, increased by 7.8 per cent.

In the final quarter there was a leap in Cognac sales of 45.5 per cent.

Home-produced spirits in the year showed a 10.4 per cent rise, with gin up 11.1 and whisky 6.3 per cent. Other spirits, including vodka, were up 23.5 per cent.

Whisky improved only slightly in the final quarter, rising 6.5 per cent, but the other spirits did better, with gin up 25.2 per cent.

Table wine sales last year were up just under 10 per cent, but beer sales remained in the doldrums.

First architect coming to market

By Judith Handley

D Y Davies is the first firm of architects to come to the market. It is to be launched on the Unlisted Securities Market with a capitalization of £7.8 million and a price-earnings ratio of 16.7 by Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbroker.

The firm is to sell 24.6 per cent of its equity to raise £700,000. The money will be used to pay for computer technology to help maintain its growth rate. Capel-Cure Myers is to place 1.25 million

shares of 5p at 155p each. Dealings are to begin on April 24.

D Y Davies, founded by Mr David Davies in 1969, has been on the acquisition trail, and it recently set up a project management company to compete with contractors offering similar services.

The company specializes in airport design. It is redeveloping and upgrading Terminal 3 at London's Heathrow Airport, and it is retained by the

British Airports Authority on Terminal 1.

The company hopes to sell this skill abroad and it is forging links with a Hong Kong architectural practice to obtain a foothold in China. The Middle East area is another target, and D Y Davies hopes to buy firms in Britain to establish national coverage.

The company is forecasting pretax profits of £750,000 for the year ending April 30, 1986.

COMPANY NEWS

- **NATIONALE-NEDERLANDEN**: Dividend for 1985 raised from 2.27 to 2.40 fl. Net profit up by 4.2 per cent to 603.4 million fl (£158 million). Total revenue 17.3 billion fl, down 2 per cent. Net assets increased by 36.5 per cent to 7.3 billion fl.
- **BOND CORPORATION HOLDINGS**: The company plans to raise Aus\$195.9m (83 million) through a one-for-two rights issue at Aus\$2.00 a share, compared with the current market price of Aus\$3.55.
- **WORDPLEX INFORMATION SYSTEMS**: Total dividend for 1985 0.5p (1.8p). Turnover £44.53 million (£42.78 million). Pretax loss £3.19 million (profit £2.24 million). Loss per share 33.3p (earnings 23.4p).
- **WORMALD INTERNATIONAL**: By a one-for-three rights issue at Aus\$3.40 a share, the company plans to raise about Aus\$100 million (£48 million). Proceeds will be used to refinance recent acquisitions and for working capital.
- **BREWMAKER**: Payment for the year to Jan. 31, 1986, unchanged at 0.8p. Turnover £7.92 million (£8.63 million). Profit on ordinary activities before tax £519,238 (£633,525), before tax £519,238 (£633,525). Earnings per share 1.9p (2.0p).
- **H & J QUICK**: Total payment 2.85p (2.6p) for 1985. Turnover £108.37 million (£93.25 million). Pretax profit £637,000 (£117,000). Earnings per share 9.51p (nil).
- **THOMAS MARSHALL (LONLEY)**: Total dividend for 1985 4p (2.4p). One-for-ten scrip issue planned. Turnover £19.55 million (£17.45 million). Profit on ordinary activities before tax £1.11 million (£482,000). Earnings per share 16.29p (6.28p).

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April 18, 1986

The world of commerce on the campus

High above the warm sandstone elegance of one of England's most civilized cities, the concrete campus of Bath University rises its hill-top site looking like the headquarters of a computer company, or a gigantic construction of Lego. No dreaming spires here, nor gowned students immersed in medieval French.

Bath is a child of the technological push of the Wilson-Labour government, re-born in 1966 out of the old Bristol College of Advanced Technology. Not for Bath the ivory tower notion of pure learning for its own sake unsullied by base commerce; it prides itself on what for an academic institution are unusually close links with the real world of industry and commerce beyond the campus fence.

It is predominantly a placement university; two-thirds of all its undergraduates on four-year courses spend one of their years off the campus in an appropriate workplace. Bath believes the system makes its graduates more employable, and gives industry the kind of qualified people it needs without the need for too much further training in the realities of business life.

At the same time Bath has maintained close liaison with the commercial world through a long-standing and wide-ranging programme of contract research, culminating in the establishment of its own commercial research and development arm, South Western Industrial Research Ltd.

most universities have begun to play in recent years, largely to combat cuts in government funding. Bath was a pioneer, if only because in its early days it was far from generously funded by the University Grants Committee.

Now the tables are turned: such is Bath's academic reputation that in the last swinging round of cuts imposed by the UGC, which came close to closing institutions such as Salford, Bath escaped more or less unscathed.

Once again, as May approaches, the UGC gives the Sword of Damocles its annual hanging and Bath waits with the rest of the academic community to see if limbs may have to be amputated. It thinks not; plans are already in hand to increase substantially the student intake in some departments next session.

Bath's commercial earnings are still modest by the standards of some other technological universities. Total funding of £23 million last year was made up of £13 million from the UGC, just over £2 million or 9 per cent from contract research and other commercial enterprises, and the rest largely from fees. But there was still a £136,000 deficit last year, chiefly a result of failing to attract enough numbers of overseas students.

Among the top six universities

From its birth in 1966, Bath has been obliged by its charter to specialize in science, technology and commerce, and it is significant that its first Chancellor was not a mainstream academic, but Lord Hinton, a former chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board.

On the score sheet of A level grades held by its new entrants, Bath claims to be among the top six of all British universities. Professor Rodney Quayle, the vice-chancellor, makes no apology for such rigid entry standards.

This university attracts about 13,000 applications a year for between 800 and 900 places. If we restrict it to people who name Bath as their first or second choice we still find that each place has been applied for eight times. "Interviewing them all is quite impracticable so we try to pick out those students who, by all prognostications, are going to get good A levels, and who also have the right personality. We pay a lot of attention to school assessments."

"On top of that we have Sir Keith Joseph telling us he regards quality of entry into universities as being of prime importance. It is a brave university which disregards A levels with no eye to who its paymaster is."

While pursuing excellence, Professor Quayle is fully conscious that his close relationship with industry, both in paying for contract research and in providing mid-course experience for his undergraduates, has to be kept in its proper place.

"Bath has always been forced to run itself on something of a shoestring, and



Professor Rodney Quayle, the university's vice-chancellor: No apology for rigid entry standards

representatives of local industry and commerce have always been on the University Court. Several years ago the whole university system did need a push towards closer dialogue with the outside world, an area in which I like to think we were well ahead of the field.

"But you have to be very careful that you do not push this too far and turn a university into a mere contract research institute. You are then in danger of losing one of your prime functions — the long-term basic research that industry does not and cannot do."

But Bath does not operate exclusively at the leading edge of science and technology, which account for two-thirds of its effort. Of its 14 schools, those of education, management, humanities and social sciences, and modern languages, could well be grouped into a Faculty of Arts (although Bath is not organized by faculties). And, as the vice chancellor

is anxious to point out, there are strong extramural departments of drama and music, an appeal is under way to build an arts centre, and the university can put up a very credible orchestra.

At this stage Professor Quayle spreads his hands before him and splices his fingers like a dovetail joint. "However, the essential feature of this campus," he declares, "is that it is interdigitated."

We have a momentary desire to consult the Department of Linguistics at one of the older seats of learning to divine his meaning, but the practical demonstration with the hands, as befits the head of such a practical institution, makes it clear enough. Bath is strong on the cross-fertilization of disciplines; or, to put it more bluntly, different departments talk to each other.

That is partly the result of a conscious policy, and partly of the campus design, where to go from one end of the university to the other it is rarely necessary to go outside. The outcome is an interweaving of disciplines to produce some unusual, and occasionally unique, courses and qualifications.

Disciplines meet in other productive ways. In the School of Chemical Engineering, chemistry, biological science, chemical engineering and straightforward engineering have met to create the new Membrane Applications Centre, with an eye to marketing any advances in technology thereby discovered to the chemical and food processing industries.

As another instance, chemistry, biological science, pharmacology and advanced computer studies have combined to create a Molecular Graphics Centre to tackle the difficult problem of drawing pictures of molecular structures on a computer screen.

Professor Quayle is anxious that the fruits of such activity should be transferred to industry where it will find practical use. Already the Fluid Power Centre in the School of Engineering teaches hydraulic systems to a considerable throughput of already-experienced engineers.

"We have no intention of turning Bath into a short-course university, but science and technology move so fast that people need updating. Industry cannot afford to send its people to a university for a year, but it is prepared to release them for short spells to learn something specific."

"I believe we shall have to do more of this in future, although in the past we have preferred to go out to industry and apply our expertise to specific problems. Apart from anything else, the money we can earn from running short courses helps to pay for the staff to teach our undergraduates."

This way to the White Horse

West Wiltshire District Council has enlisted Bath University in efforts to win a stake in the highly competitive business of attracting "sunrise" industries away from the expensive overheads of London and the South-East.

At North Bradley outside Trowbridge, 10 miles from the university campus, the local council is promoting its White Horse Business Technology park on a 72-acre greenfield site. Apart from relatively low rents, the principal enticement is that companies that move there will have access to the university's research and development facilities.

Many companies have expressed interest in moving to the park, but the first occupant is to be the university's own trading company, South Western Industrial Research Ltd. The company is building a highly sophisticated analytical and chemical test house, in the hope that other companies that move there will hire its comprehensive services.

Companies locating in the park are promised the chance to plug in to "a wide spectrum of down-to-earth technology, computer information and management expertise on the university campus".

Infrastructure work on the park is complete and the first building is ready for letting. Its two storeys contain 12 modular spaces, each of about 1,000 square feet.

Gerald Garland, chief executive of the district council and managing director of the company set up to run the park said: "We know that we have a great deal to offer, particularly the fact that our space costs are dramatically lower than in many other relocation areas."

Wiltshire's population is rising at three times the national average, and the local workforce of 46,000 is expected to grow by 10 per cent this decade.

Alan Hamilton AH

It's definitely not microchips with everything at White Horse Business Technology Park

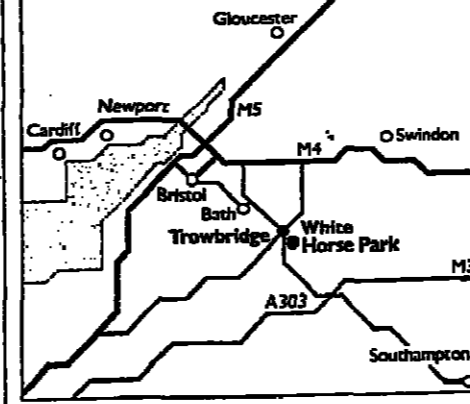
Bath University is closely associated with West Wiltshire Holdings Limited—the company set up by West Wiltshire District Council to develop White Horse Business Technology Park. However, unlike many science parks associated with Universities White Horse Park is not exclusively high-tech.

The Council is run by hard-headed businessmen. Bath University, on the doorstep, depends for its very existence on its industrial links. So it's not microchips with everything at White Horse Park. It's top quality office development. It's small to medium manufacturing companies. It's

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White Horse Business Park is in an attractive, stimulating environment just down the road from excellent communications networks. Bristol is 20 miles West, London 90 miles East. The M4, M5 and A303/M3 are easily accessible. London is 80 minutes by train.

with open arms. It is hoped that the newest and most advanced 'sunrise' industries will rub shoulders with acceptable 'low-tech' industries and offices.

One thing all businesses at White Horse Park will have in common is support services—secretarial, technical, and managerial. And the presence of South Western Industrial Research



This two-storey building with its high standard of design and finish is ready for occupation. Spaces are available to let in approximately 1000 square foot modules. And there are 70 acres ready to rent or buy.



Westbury White Horse, on the edge of Salisbury Plain, looks down on White Horse Business Park.

Limited (SWIRL), Bath University's own trading company and consultancy service. SWIRL's highly sophisticated analytical and chemical test service will be in operation on the Park in May. And businesses located at White Horse Park will also be able to plug into a wide spectrum of science, technology, information and computer expertise on the University campus—only 20 minutes away.

West Wiltshire Holdings Limited has all the professional resources to help with any relocation or expansion project, and can provide all the necessary back-up for companies who wish to start up in an exciting and profitable environment.

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Lessons from the shopfloor

David Gower was in his first year at Bath University's school of management when he happened upon a stall in Exmouth selling T-shirts. He bought 100 and sold them at a profit. Then he bought some more; then he bought out the company that made them. Now, with his finals in barely two months, he has an annual turnover of £1.8 million.

His tutors are proud of him, not because of the size of his turnover but because, despite having already proved his acumen and made a fortune, he still intends to complete his course.

Bath's management school is small by the standards of other institutions but enjoys a high reputation with more than 1,600 applications a year for a mere 60 places. It can therefore be highly selective, and claims the highest A level score - 12.9 - among its intake of any business school in Britain.

The school has recently begun a project to assist those without Mr Gower's acumen and good luck. Helped by a grant from the Manpower Services Commission, it has instituted the so-called Bath Gateway Programme, taking unemployed graduates in other disciplines from other universities, training them in basic management skills, and placing them in small companies in Avon and the West Country.

The intention is to give small firms experience of employing graduates while giving graduates experience of working for small firms, on the premise that most graduates only ever think of applying for jobs in large firms. The only qualification is that candidates must be from the Avon area.

Undergraduates on the normal management course are also exposed to the outside world, usually in two placements of six months each. The projects they are given are real; some are attached to a local pub chain and are required to produce a business plan for each individual pub.

It's Rover, the micro watchdog

Rover is such a clever beast. All night, long after the last human has gone home, he watches over the South West Universities regional computer centre in Bath as it goes

about its unmanned data processing work. If something goes wrong, Rover will correct it, and if it is beyond his capability he will telephone a member of staff at home.

Rover is not a dog but a computer program run on a small and simple MMC Micro, it monitors the centre's principal ICL mainframe computer.

The program has proved so successful that it is being marketed to outside customers through ICL. In the past 10 years the centre has earned over £1 million. Jim Brooks, its director, estimates that half the cost of the present building was raised by selling computer time and software products.

The centre, which provides computing services for, and is directly linked to, the university campuses in Bath, Bristol, Exeter and Cardiff, was begun in 1975. Since then it has set up its own commercial company called Praxis, now virtually separate from the university. Praxis has its own staff of 70 at premises in Bath city.

At present the mainframe is a dual ICL 2980 system, but the capacity is soon to be increased as the centre runs up its new ICL Series 39 Level 80 systems.

A speciality of the Bath centre since its inception has been a study of the problems of computer networking. "For the past 10 years we have pioneered the move towards international standards of networking and we have been leaders in the UK. Our model has been adopted for the Joint Academic Network throughout the country; we now have every university, and most polytechnics, on the network," Mr Brooks said.

Spreading the academic word

Professor Rudolf Klein who heads the school of Humanities and Social Sciences, believes that the 20 years he spent as a Fleet Street journalist has greatly influenced his attitude to the interdisciplinary structure of the school and provided him with an awareness of the need for communication with the world outside the university.

He said: "It is vitally important to cut the cackle if the public is to understand what is going on inside universities. But of course we have to use

the special language of our disciplines when it comes to getting grants for projects." He feels his school differs from others in that it is very concerned with public expenditure in the private, as well as the public sector.

One of the ongoing programmes is examining public expenditure in private nursing homes, where the Government invests about £200 million a year (through supplementary benefits).

Another project is involved with the psychology of taxation and spending and how the ordinary person looks at the subject.

As none of these questions is unique to Britain there is stress on cross national research, as well as on close co-operation between departments within the school. Professor Klein believes it is essential to break through the barriers of the various disciplines if fruitful research is to result.

Asked whether his school had come up with any important findings, Professor Klein said: "The Social Sciences are quite different from the Natural Sciences. I don't think we should ever aim at big findings. Our job is to help people to think better on all the major issues facing the country."

"When social scientists come up with findings in the sense of recommendations it's very dangerous. We are not in the business of finding instant solutions. I know that I run the risk of being labelled 'holier than thou' because I insist on intellectual detachment."

Did he not also run the risk of being deprived of funds when the Government in power seemed to be against "intellectual detachment"?

"I think in order to make the arguments the Government still believes in defence of its own economic policies in the universities, I could word for word apply what Maggie Thatcher says about her economic policies, which is all about changing attitudes and long-term change, and not expecting any quick results."

"If she were capable of translating the arguments on economic policy that we are involved with she ought to be pouring money into us. I believe that social policy departments in this country have more to contribute than engineering."

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A creative blend of art and science

The City of Bath, with its magnificent Georgian buildings surrounded by green hills, must be one of the most ideal settings for a school of architecture and building engineering. It is founded on the premise that since architects and engineers will ultimately have to work together, they should study together.

The school's director, Professor Edmund Happold, says there is tremendous disrespect between architects and engineers and in general the system of teaching architects encourages it. He claims to run the only school in the country where students of architecture, civil/structural engineering, and service engineering, work alongside each other.

He holds strong views on the shortcomings of the general education system which allows children to give up mathematics and physics at an age when they are incapable of knowing what they are likely to want to study at university.

Professor Happold says few people are born mathematically gifted.

"Most scientists have to work tremendously hard to get anywhere. I think there is great misunderstanding about 'creativity'. There seems to be two cultures in our society which stem from the difference between the arts and technology. People think of technology as a creative. They don't realize that both can be creative." He says the building industry is a good example of this.

"The day has past when the architect did it all, but society still believes he does. Architects are concerned with the arrangement of spaces and style. But when it comes to getting the thing to stand up and perform effectively most of them don't have the scientific and technical knowledge because they have been taught from an art and design base."

"This school was formed 10 years ago on the very strong concept that several disciplines contribute to the making of a building: architecture, structural engineering, and the building services such as lighting and heating."

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Breaking new ground in education: Rod Flower, left, Professor of Pharmacology; Ted Happold, centre, Professor of Building Engineering; and Rudolf Klein, Head of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Old healing centre's new cures

There is a surprising omission among the schools and departments of Bath University. In a city that has been attracting the pained, the stiff and the lame to its waters since the time of the Romans, it has no faculty of medicine.

But it does flourish on the fringes of medicine and contributes more than its share to mainstream medical research, as was highlighted only two days ago when the Duchess of Kent opened Bath's new Research Institute for the Care of the Elderly, a valuable addition to an often unglamorous and neglected area of medicine, but one which grows in importance as the proportion of senior citizens in the population continues to swell.

The institute is a joint venture between the university and the city's St Martin's Hospital. It will draw heavily on the expertise of the university's flourishing school of pharmacy and pharmacology and one of its main areas of endeavour will be to study how the ageing body copes with drugs.

Other projects include work on nutrition, incontinence and the early diagnosis of senile dementia.

Bath has long been a centre for the treatment of arthritis and related ailments and the city's Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases has become an important national centre. There is now a major

research effort between the hospital and the university into anti-inflammatory drugs, widely used in the treatment of arthritis but often with undesirable side-effects.

Professor Rod Flower of the School of Pharmacology, who came to Bath from the Wellcome Foundation two years ago, has a particular interest in anti-inflammatory drugs. "We are gradually getting to understand how they work and are within sight of overcoming their side-effects," he said.

Designing new drugs is a speciality of the school, which earns more than £120,000 a year in consultancy from drug companies and other outside bodies. The money is badly needed. Last year the school had its UGC funding cut by 20 per cent. Professor Flower is now working on basic research for a new arthritis drug with a grant from the British Technology Group. If it is successful the potentially enormous royalties will be split between BTG and the university.

The school's Centre for Drug Formulation Studies is almost a private company within the university, dealing regularly with the major drug manufacturers, and claims to be one of the research and development success stories of British industry. One particular area of interest now is slow-release preparations, thought

to be safer and more effective than instant-acting pills.

Company on the campus

The idea of a university assisting its own funding through the commercial marketing of internal expertise and equipment was relatively new in 1972 when Bath set up one of the first campus companies, South Western Industrial Research Ltd. SWIRL was established with the idea that it should seek outlets for spare capacity in the university's science and technology resources. It would seek to win research contracts which it would place with

appropriate members of the academic staff to whom it would pay a proportion of the fee it received.

A normal year's turnover for the company is £250,000, with profits of £50,000.

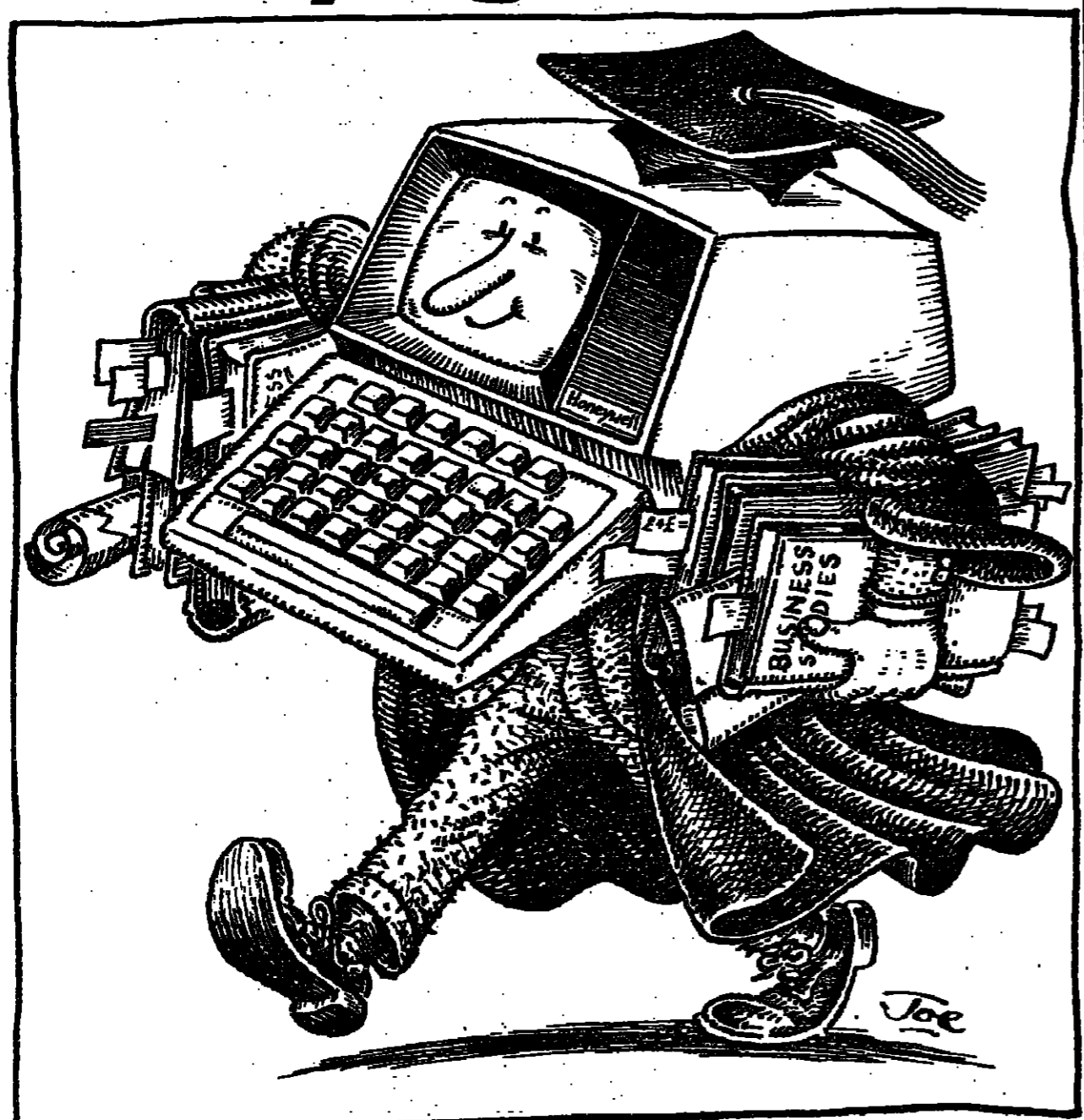
SWIRL is housed off campus in downtown Bath; it has its own staff of 12, but the chairman of the board remains Professor Rodney Quayle, the university vice-chancellor.

"Apart from the financial benefit, SWIRL is a great way of maintaining contact with the outside world. A small SWIRL contract can lead to something much bigger for the university staff," Professor Quayle said.

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Germany try to maintain the pace

The bureaucrats in Brussels are at it again. This time they are reported to be planning an overall speed limit for all Common Market countries.



Honda's new Accord Aerodeck Executive.

The favoured new maximum appears to be the 75mph (120kph) which already applies in Belgium and Spain. It is five mph above the British limit and 13mph above the Dutch.

But as the West German government discovered only recently, any attempt to interfere with the German drivers' much loved freedom from speed limits brings it into direct contact with the German motor industry, the most powerful and profitable in Europe.

Public relations representatives were in London recently armed with impressive bundles of well-researched material designed to make us rush to the barricades to stand shoulder to shoulder with our German brethren in defence of their beloved autobahns.

Their case follows four main themes. First, the massive investigation into the effect of high speed travel on the pollution of German roads proved that speed is not a significant factor. Secondly, despite the absence of a speed limit the German motorway system is the safest in Europe.

The findings of the report into the relationship of speed to pollution are complex and one for experts to interpret. The others however are well within the purview of ordinary motorists.

On the basis of every one thousand million kilometers travelled there are 7.4 in West Germany compared with 9.1 in Britain, 9.3 in France and 8.9 in Italy. Spain is the worst with 10.1. But the German argument is self-defeating because it goes on to point out that road conditions differ enormously from country to country and that can be as big a contributing factor to accidents as speed.

The Japanese issue is just as contentious. The Germans would have us believe that the Japanese hordes are gathering

unusual glass panel in the roof above the rear hatch. But the practicality of the design is in my view marred by the absence of a second set of doors.

The original Honda Accord was designed with two doors to justify its billing as a sporty hatchback. The appearance of the Aerodeck with its much larger expanse of glass and estate car appendages shouts "family transport" and as such should have the convenience of four doors.

The automatic saloon version with a new four-speed "lock-up" on second, third and fourth gears was both smooth and quiet. With the same box the Aerodeck transmission was more noisy and certainly not jerk free. I think this could in part be due to the big gap between third and fourth gears.

I was also disappointed by the sloppy ride on even marginally rough surfaces. It reminded me of early Honda models which had been clearly set up for American tastes and were notable for their over-busy suspensions.

Despite these shortcomings the Aerodeck is a well finished, refined product with so far as I can find no actual rival in Britain. It offers a

Vital statistics

Model: Honda Aerodeck Executive Price: £8,400 Engine: 1955cc, 12 valves, 4 cylinder Performance: 0-60mph 11secs, max speed 108mph Official consumption: Urban 28.5mpg, 50mph 44.8mpg and 75mph 35.8mpg Length: 14.2ft Insurance: Group 8

Honda Aerodeck

Regular readers of this column will know by now that I am a long-standing enthusiast of Honda cars in general and Honda engineering in particular. When I road-tested the 1986 version of the Accord saloon a few months ago I reported that it had all the hallmarks of a successful front wheel drive executive car.

The news from Japan that an attractive "long roof" hatchback-cum-estate car version would be joining the saloon early this year whetted my appetite still further. Now that I have experienced it in the flesh I am disappointed.

The very distinctive body shape of the Accord 2 litre Executive Aerodeck is certainly attractive with its long, purposeful lines featuring an

unique combination of estate car and coupe which is child's play to drive with its automatic box and power steering. It is an extremely well-appointed and comfortable four seater.

At £8,400 it costs £300 less than the equivalent four door Accord saloon. Surprisingly the load carrying capacity of the Aerodeck is slightly down on the saloon but can be increased by folding either or both of the two halves of the rear seat. The rear hatch does not extend down to the floor leaving an appreciable obstacle to heavy luggage.

By now it will be apparent that I prefer the four door saloon and have no hesitation in recommending it as having more merit than the latest addition to the Honda range.

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FOOTBALL: BRITISH RESERVE PAYS DIVIDENDS IN SPAIN

Success breeds success for Venables and Barcelona

Barcelona's arrival in the final of the European Cup represents the growing success story of Terry Venables and Allan Harris, the club's English management team. The two men coolly and shrewdly plotted the defeat of the talented Swedish side, Göteborg, who held a 3-0 lead from the first leg in Wednesday night's semi-final around them in the vast Nou Camp stadium strugled to control their emotions, the English pair helped to dilute Latin fervour with true British reserve.

Venables explained: "We had to drum it into some of the players that it was far better keeping the score at 3-0 rather than go for the fourth and risk everything. That particularly applied to Julio Alberto, our brilliant left back. He had to be told to hold back and keep his position. I was always far keener on the idea of a penalty shoot-out than all-out attack, which could have cost us an away goal."

Robson is doubtful for Scotland game

Bryan Robson, the England captain, sustained a slight hamstring injury in Manchester United's 4-3 over Newcastle on Wednesday and seems certain to miss tomorrow's match against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane. He must be doubtful for Scotland's international against Scotland.

Handshaking compulsory

Handshakes, voluntarily offered at the end of a match, will be compulsory etiquette at next month's World Cup finals in Mexico (Clive White writes). Anxious that the game will be seen in a sportsmanlike way, FIFA have given instructions that players and officials at the end of each match must shake hands and wave to the crowd from the centre circle.

Hill offers compromise

Jimmy Hill, the television commentator and director of Charlton Athletic, has offered a compromise on the controversial proposed league voting structure in an attempt to preserve the existing pattern.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns listing sports records and results, including Baseball, Basketball, Boxing, Ice Hockey, Tennis, and Football.



Walking talk: but Venables still has his feet on the ground

Rangers wait on sponsors

The Dairy Council's five-year sponsorship of the League Cup draws to a close on Sunday at Wembley, so too might that of the sponsorship of one of the finalists, Queen's Park Rangers. Rangers are concerned that the £450,000 three-year deal with Guinness may not be renewed after this season.

Welling pin hopes on their ground

The Gola League beckons for Welling United, who are certain to finish as runaway winners of the Southern League premier division. All that remains for the Kent club is to get the ground inspection on May 1.

WEDNESDAY'S FOOTBALL AND RUGBY RESULTS

Table listing football and rugby results from Wednesday, including scores and match details for various leagues and divisions.

IN BRIEF

Supporter gets reward for 70 years' service: Eddie Elson, aged 81, an Oldham fan, has been awarded a reward for 70 years of service to the club. Cardwell is left to hold the eight-month baby: Lucy Soutter, England's teenage champion, yesterday defied the ambition of Vicki Cardwell, the former Australian world champion, to return to the Hi-Tec British open championships for a fifth title.

S Africa greets All Black rebels

Johannesburg (Reuter) - Twenty-one New Zealand rugby players arrived in Johannesburg yesterday for a six-week unofficial tour, defying an international ban on sporting contacts with South Africa imposed because of its policy of apartheid.

Bloom catches the eye at Hampstead

The singles finals of the British Home Stores tournament at Hampstead will not be those suggested by the seedings. Showing the weather proofed the finals may turn out to be played on the scheduled day (tomorrow). To confuse the issue still further, many matches have been shifted from the Hampstead club (from the main court) to the Queen's Club, Hampstead was busy and mostly pleasant yesterday.

Waitz to step up the pace

Grete Waitz, the women's world champion, believes that she will improve her performance of her outstanding career on Sunday, but it could be the last time she appears at her peak in Britain. Mrs Waitz said yesterday that she was better prepared than in 1983 when she won the London Marathon, and that she would soon take a less serious approach towards athletics.

SQUASH RACKETS

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Night Cap's early start pays off

Virginia Leng, aiming for her second successive Badminton win, took a commanding 10-0 point lead on Night Cap at the end of the rain-soaked first day of dressage at this year's Whitbread Championship. British National League Association's 13-year-old gelding, who led after the first day last year, was after the first day last year, relaxed and accurate yesterday, showing none of the tension which has occasionally affected her in the past.

TENNIS

Bloom catches the eye at Hampstead

The singles finals of the British Home Stores tournament at Hampstead will not be those suggested by the seedings. Showing the weather proofed the finals may turn out to be played on the scheduled day (tomorrow). To confuse the issue still further, many matches have been shifted from the Hampstead club (from the main court) to the Queen's Club, Hampstead was busy and mostly pleasant yesterday.

VOLLEYBALL

Treasurers are smiling

The advent, for the first time this season, of the sponsorship of the Royal Bank - promises to put smiles on the faces of club treasurers right down the league ladder. Clubs that won nothing over the season, because of rewarding both performance and promotion, earning more money than ever before.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Table listing entertainment listings, including cinema, television, and theatre shows.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Daville

BBC 1
6.00 Breakfast AM
6.50 Breakfast Time with Mike Smith and Debbie Greenwood...

TV-AM
6.15 Good Morning Britain
6.30 News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00...



T.E. Lawrence: an Omnibus film, on BBC 1, 10.25pm

CHOICE
strip Lawrence of the glory that some historians and myth-makers have clothed him in...

Peter Daville
On long wave, VHF variations at end of the week...

Radio 4
On long wave, VHF variations at end of the week...

Radio 3
On long wave, VHF variations at end of the week...

Radio 2
On medium wave, for VHF variations, see Radio 1...

ENTERTAINMENTS
CONCERTS
BARBICAN HALL 4.00 875/850/830...

PETER O'TOOLE
SERIALIZED BRITAIN
THE APPLA CART
THE HIT MUSICAL
THE CAGNEY FOLLOWS

THE BEAUX STRATAGEM
ANGRY HOUSEWIVES
LYRIC THEATRE
THE BEAUX STRATAGEM
ANGRY HOUSEWIVES

THE MUSICAL
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ART GALLERIES
ADRENALINE GALLERY 43 Old Road
THE WOODS

